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Leyland Daf cash crisis
puts 15,000 jobs at risk

■ The threat of widespread job losses at Britain's biggest commercial vehicle manufacturers adds to the pressures on Michael Heseltine, already at the centre of the pit closures turmoil

By ROSS TIEMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

FIFTEEN thousand jobs in the British motor industry are at risk after the Dutch parent company of Britain's biggest lorry manufacturer, Leyland Daf, sought protection from its creditors.

Michael Heseltine last night ruled out government financial help, despite pleas from union leaders and opposition politicians.

Leyland Daf employs 5,500 in Britain and some 10,000 jobs at component suppliers are estimated to depend upon the company's plants. The threat to jobs came after the collapse of rescue talks between the Dutch and Belgian governments and bankers to Daf, the Dutch lorry builder which bought Leyland from the government in February 1987.

In stormy Commons exchanges, the President of the Board of Trade said that he hoped "at least part" of the company's UK operation could be saved and that a business "with a long-term future" might be salvaged.

The Daf troubles come as Mr Heseltine puts the final touches to his rescue plan for the pits, expected to cost £500m. With unemployment expected to go beyond three million shortly, the new threat to jobs could not have come at a worse time and will place further strains on the government's industrial policy. Labour last night seized on the news as further evidence of the government's failure to protect British manufacturing industry.

Rohin Cook, Labour's shadow trade and industry secretary, accused the government of turning its back on Leyland Daf by not pressing British banks to help to rescue the truck and van company. Despite denials from Mr Heseltine that British banks were responsible for the failure to present a rescue package, Mr Cook last night repeated his allegation that a "reliable Daf source" had blamed the British banks for "wrecking the deal".

Labour will argue that government pressure on the banks could have secured a rescue, particularly as banks would be anxious to dispel recent accusations that they were not doing enough to help ailing businesses.

Daf has been pushed into heavy losses by its overdependence on sales in Britain, where the lorry market has collapsed over the past five years, and by a more recent downturn in demand for lorries throughout Europe.

Leyland Daf is expected to seek protection from its own creditors today. It is Britain's biggest manufacturer of commercial vehicles. The group is the army's leading supplier of lorries. The company is midway through a £150 million, five-year order for 4,500 four-tonne trucks and has still to deliver 300 of 1,500 special ammunition trucks.

Unions blamed government inertia. Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the failure of the government to join rescue talks had contributed to the company's problems. "We believe that there is still something that could be done if this government is determined, as it says it is, to defend Britain's manufacturing industry."

Tony Woodley, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "Mr Heseltine promised to intervene before breakfast, before lunch and before dinner to save jobs in Britain. We are now past supper time for Leyland Daf and Britain's auto workers cannot eat promises."

Mr Heseltine said that he was "absolutely satisfied" that the British banks and Bank of England had been fully involved in the discussions with Leyland Daf. But he declined to offer financial assistance. "It is extremely difficult to see any argument that I could deploy for providing taxpayers' support for working capital for one particular company which would enable it to compete more effectively with British companies in the same sector."

The assembly line at Leyland Daf's lorry plant in Leyland, Lancashire, is one of the most modern in Europe and even after savage cuts to address a five-year slump in demand employs 2,200 workers. The Birmingham plant, manufacturing Sherpa vans, has a workforce of 2,000. 550 are employed at the Albion axle plant in Glasgow, 400 at a parts depot in Chorley, Lancashire, and 350 in marketing and sales at Thame, Oxfordshire.

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Queen threatens to sue Sun

By ROSEMARY SMITH

THE Queen is threatening legal action against *The Sun* for breach of copyright for publishing the text of her 1992 Christmas Speech two days early.

The Queen's solicitors, Farrer & Co, have written to Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, saying court proceedings would be started unless cash damages and costs were offered, according to the newspaper. A *Sun* spokesman said: "We shall be vigorously defending the action." The newspaper says that Farrer & Co have given Mr MacKenzie seven days to respond to their demand for cash damages and costs, or be taken to the High Court.

Printing the text of the Queen's Speech on its December 23 front page had been a "clear infringement of Her

Majesty's copyright", said the letter.

Buckingham Palace last night refused to confirm or deny the development. A spokesman said: "At this stage we are not prepared to be drawn on correspondence or contact we may have with individuals or organisations."

The Sun's legal spokesman said that the newspaper had been performing a service to its readers. "As the speech was going to be broadcast anyway two days later, an action over copyright is extremely surprising."

By using good, old-fashioned journalistic techniques, we managed to acquire an advance copy of the speech. We were not party to any embargo so therefore we cannot have broken any embargo."

The *Sun* said the day it

published the text, it received a warning letter from a senior member of the Royal Household, saying that a serious view was taken and that further action might follow.

The BBC was acutely embarrassed by the leak of the speech. On December 23, Buckingham Palace expressed its dismay and the BBC its regret that a copy of the Queen's Christmas broadcast had fallen into the hands of *The Sun* three days before its transmission to Britain and the Commonwealth.

The BBC said it was conducting an enquiry into how one of 120 tapes of the ten-minute broadcast, sent out to radio and television stations in Britain and overseas on the understanding that the contents remain secret until Christmas day, had been made available to *The Sun*.

the new operation. It appeared to be a rebuff to Sir Bob Reid and his senior managers after the BR chairman's criticism of aspects of the programme to franchise out to private firms the operation of rail services.

Mr MacGregor said the white paper published last summer had proposed that Railtrack, which will be responsible for maintaining and upgrading the railway infrastructure and levying charges on franchisees, should be initially established within BR. That original decision was sharply criticised for its timidity and for seeking to perpetuate some of the worst features of state control.

Mr MacGregor indicated

that he had responded to these concerns. "Railtrack will be separated from BR and made a government-owned company in April 1994," he said.

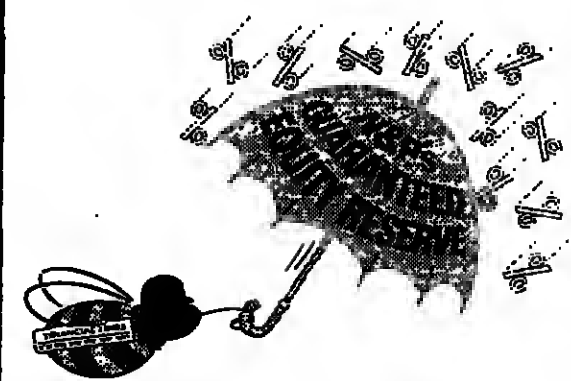
John Prescott, the Labour transport secretary, denounced the bill as ideologically driven. He accused the transport secretary of continually changing his mind over his plans and predicted higher fares and lower investment.

Mr MacGregor said that the government would safeguard through-ticketing and compel franchisees to offer discounts for the disabled.

However, he could offer no such pledges on more generally available cheap fares.

With Mr Lamont sitting beside him he declared: "The Chancellor has cut inflation to 2.5 per cent, has continued our tax reforms, has introduced an autumn Budget that was widely welcomed by business and industry and has cut interest rates to 6 per cent."

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Political heat rises as Patten enters hospital for heart operation

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE
IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, governor of Hong Kong, will enter hospital today for an urgent operation to reduce the threat of a heart attack, just as the political pressures of his job begin to rise again after a seasonal lull.

The former chairman of the Tory party, who sought medical advice after experiencing chest pains in recent weeks, will have accretions of fat removed from two coronary arteries.

The announcement, deliberately made after the close of the volatile Hong Kong stockmarket yesterday, came

■ Chris Patten will need ten days' convalescence after his heart operation today, time the Hong Kong governor can ill afford

after China stepped up its intense political attacks on Mr Patten.

Cynical speculation by brokers that the governor's illness might serve as a useful excuse to retire gracefully from the political fray rather than confront China over his controversial democratic reform proposals was dismissed as the usual conspiracy theories by officials yesterday. Although rumours of a revolt among Mr Patten's closest advisers on the secretive

executive council were vehemently denied, the operation could not have come at a worse time for the governor, who will be in hospital for four days and need up to ten days' convalescence before he can return to work.

Mr Patten's plans to broaden the franchise for elections to the colony's legislature come under close scrutiny in the advisory inner cabinet during the next few weeks, before they are passed on to the legislative council for amendment.

China has piled on the pressure for the proposals to be thrown out, warning that it will not recognise whatever amended version legislators produce and accusing Britain of breaching international agreements by giving Hong Kong a say in matters that should be worked out between London and Peking.

A hull in China's megaphone diplomacy over Christmas and the Chinese new year had led to some optimism that Peking might be moderating its opposition. However, a concerted attack by Chinese officials on both sides of the Hong Kong border in the past few days has doused these hopes of reconciliation.

China has demanded that Mr Patten withdraw his proposals before any discussion of arrangements for 1995's partial legislative elections can take place and stalled talks on Hong Kong's ambitious multi-billion pound infrastructure plans can go ahead.

Blame the good life not work pressure

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFOORD

ANGIOGRAMS, X-ray studies of the heart, show that two of Chris Patten's main coronary arteries are so narrowed that they are causing symptoms. There is the additional risk that a clot might form at the narrow points in the arteries, which could cause him to suffer a coronary thrombosis.

The arterial disease is considered sufficiently localised by Mr Patten's doctors for them to recommend angioplasty. This technique flattens the atherosclerotic plaques, the soft material blocking the artery, back against the arterial wall by inflating a balloon that has been inserted into the blood vessel. It is not without risk and in up to 2 per cent of

patients can precipitate the very trouble it was designed to avoid.

Professor Desmond Julian, consultant medical director of the British Heart Foundation, said that even after a successful angioplasty, a patient's recuperation was not always uncomplicated. In between 20 and 30 per cent of patients the arteries have narrowed again within six months.

Possible hereditary factors, 20 years of wining and dining at Tory party functions, late nights and inadequate exercise are more likely to have contributed to the cause of Mr Patten's illness than the stress of being party chairman or dealing with Chinese politicians.



Unwelcome break Chris Patten's absence could not have come at a worse time

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Mussolini picks a playground fight

Pointing our guns in the general direction of MPs last week, your sketchwriter took poor aim and inflicted collateral damage on innocent bystanders. I apologise. Commons badge-messengers may be called doorkeepers but their job is expert and they take exception to being described as "flunkies in antique uniforms".

As one of them reminded me yesterday when I asked if he could identify a furious Labour backbencher with moustache and glasses, raging at education secretary John Patten, Labour MPs all rage at Patten and angry backbenchers with moustaches and glasses all look alike. "It's Gerry Steinberg," said the very knowledgeable man in the splendid uniform, "as flunkies know, even if the Times sketchwriter doesn't". It was Steinberg who was shouting: "I am the parliamentary consultant to the National Union of Teachers."

"I'm interested to hear the Hon. Gentleman has outed himself," snapped Mr Patten, never one to miss a chance to stir.

This controversy was started by Labour's Barry Jones (Alyn & Deeside). Jones had enquired mildly of the education secretary "why he is so rude to parents; condescending to teachers; why he is so blustering, so dictatorial; why he is the Mussolini of education?"

With each new epithet, Mr Patten's breast had swelled a little further with pride and, at the word "Mussolini" he grinned with pleasure.

Insult and abuse are a particular feature of education questions and Mr Patten had already tried to pick a playground scrap with Ann Taylor, Opposition spokesman, whom he had accused of "passive boring". Ms Taylor, whose mummy has told her to take no notice of rude boys, ignored this, but Barry Jones was angry. //

Duce Patten, who has at least made the schools run on time, sneered that this was the kind of thing you'd expect from the NUT's parliamentary consultant.

"I'm not the NUT's parliamentary consultant," shouted Jones. Young Alan Duncan (C. Rutland & Melton) scurried off, returning minutes later bearing the Register of Members' Interests and the expression of a class sneak. The register vindicates Patten.

Well, this was rum. Dismissing the possibility that Barry Jones was lying, we wondered whether he had perhaps forgotten that he was the NUT's parliamentary consultant. But why was Steinberg claiming the post?

Sadly, there is a simple explanation. The list is out of date. Steinberg has recently replaced Jones, but Patten had read the register correctly.

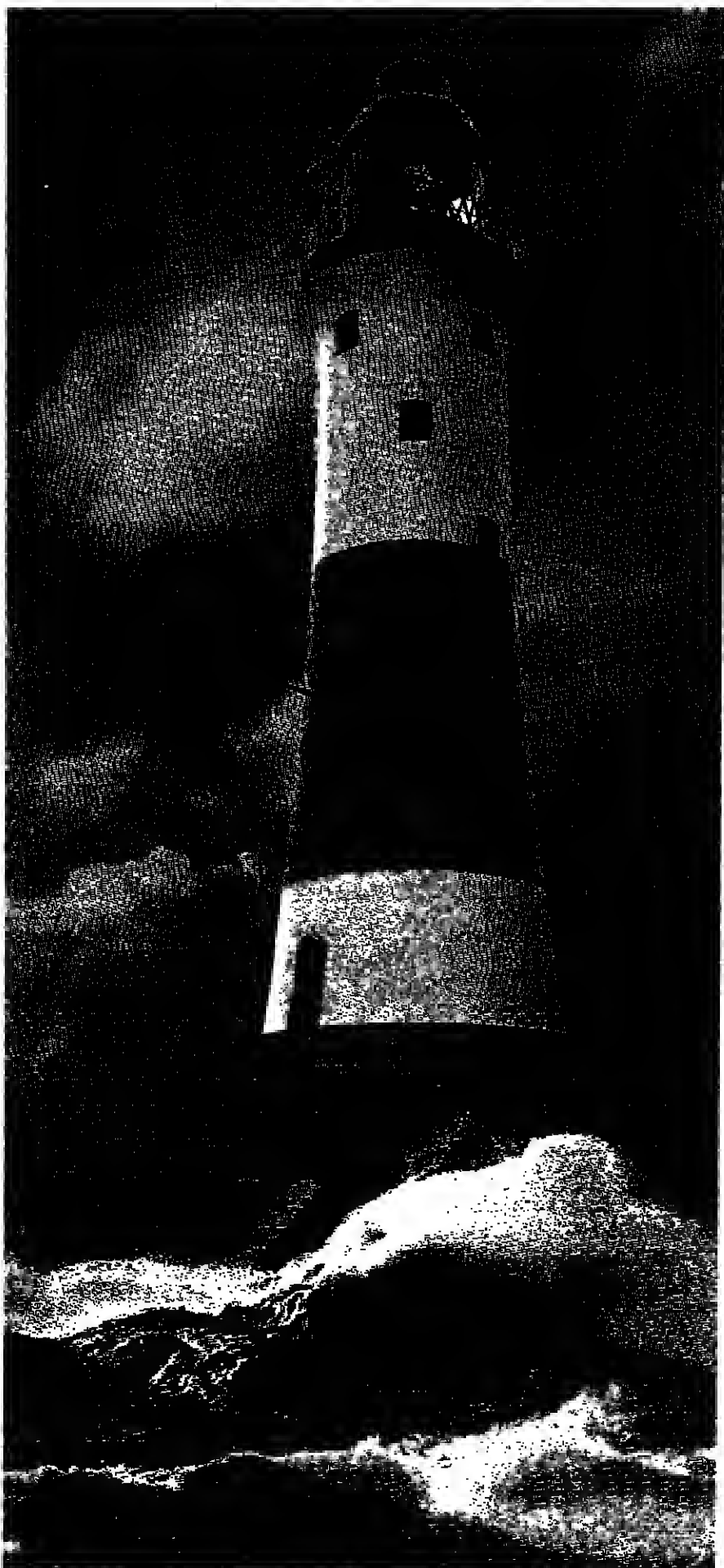
"You are all right", as my mother used to say when we were toddlers. These, however, were grown-ups.

These grownups now yielded the floor to some more grown-ups: John Major, who said it was bunkum about him and Norman having had a fight, and Norman Lamont, who looked cross and said nothing. John Smith said they were both idiots, and John Major told him that he and Norman "are not going to be pushed around".

There was more. Doug and Eileen Belcher — the couple who had owned the sub-post office in Great Stukeley and delivered the PM's newspapers — briefly occupied the nation's consciousness as Labour's Anne Campbell (Cambridge) told us that the Belchers "went bust".

Doug and Eileen, if you're reading this, and if you feel your own problems were somehow overlooked by MPs yesterday, then accept our sympathy.

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Jobs at risk as court toll falls

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES' courts throughout the country are experiencing the biggest drop in their workload for 30 years despite a continual rise in crime.

Details of the decline in cases, which is 20 per cent in some courts, will be outlined by Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, the attorney-general, in a parliamentary answer today.

As a result of the slump, court sessions are being cancelled and sittings are finishing early. Court officials fear that, if the fall persists, staff might be made redundant.

Ministers are perplexed about the reasons for the fall, which is found in courts in areas ranging from Yorkshire to Kent, and from London to Somerset. They are expected to commission research to establish the reasons.

Court officials are citing several factors: an increase in police cautioning; a rise in the number of cases discontinued by the Crown Prosecution Service; the difficulties police are having in some areas meeting new, national pre-trial standards for preparation of prosecution files; and a fall in police morale.

The Criminal Justice Act 1992, which is intended to divert offenders from custody and increase cautioning, is also blamed. The prison population has fallen by 2,500 against this time last year and some of the decrease is attributed to the act.

The slump in the courts' work is certain to be seized on by lawyers who gather today for a mass lobby of Parliament, backed by more than 40 charities, and church and consumer groups, in a last attempt to persuade the government to drop its proposals for cutting legal aid.

The Law Society is giving warning that, if the proposals go through, up to 12 million people might no longer qualify for legal aid or be able to afford it because of the cost of contributions they will have to make.

Pregnant executive wins sacking case

A woman who lost her job after she became pregnant at 40 yesterday won her case for unfair dismissal. Vicky Clode, a marketing executive, said that after they had learnt she was expecting, male colleagues had made hurtful remarks and told her she was not fit to meet clients in her condition.

An industrial tribunal in Newcastle upon Tyne decided that Mrs Clode, 42, of Coatham Mundeville, near Darlington, Co Durham, was unfairly dismissed. But the tribunal chairman ruled that her refusal to return her company car while on sick leave played a large part in her dismissal. Mrs Clode is expected to receive about £2,000 compensation from Edinburgh-based metallurgical engineers MTS.

Mortgage firms disagree

The country's two largest building societies disagreed yesterday on whether house prices rose in January. The Halifax said prices fell by 0.4 per cent after the Nationwide reported a 1.2 per cent rise. The Halifax, in spite of its more pessimistic index, said there had been encouraging indicators in January, with evidence of increased enquiries and applications. The Nationwide's index, also based on mortgage offers, includes approvals only up to the 21st of the month. Both societies see a pattern of stabilising prices.

Dr Cox returns to work

Nigel Cox, 47, the consultant convicted of the attempted murder of an elderly woman patient and given a 12-month suspended sentence, returned to work yesterday at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. During the trial the court was told that Dr Cox gave Lillian Boyes, 70, who was dying in pain, a lethal injection of potassium chloride.

Lamplugh case remand

A Frenchman charged with attempting to kidnap Elizabeth Lamplugh, sister of the missing estate agent Suzy, appeared before Oxford magistrates and was remanded in custody until February 10. Anthony Bourgois, 20, of no fixed address, also faces a charge of possessing an offensive weapon.

Bernard Braden dies

Bernard Braden, the Canadian broadcaster and actor who became the first television presenter in Britain to champion the consumer, died of a heart attack in London yesterday at the age of 76. After arriving in Britain in 1949 he pioneered a new form of investigative journalism with a series for ITV called *On the Braden Beat*. *Obituary, page 19*

Major supports his Chancellor

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The prevailing view at Westminster last night was that Mr Major will move Mr Lamont from the Treasury in a reshuffle in the early summer. Two of Baroness Thatcher's long-serving loyalists rallied around the Chancellor. Lord Ridley of Liddesdale said Mr Lamont was not solely responsible for recent mistakes. The government as a whole was to blame, including

the prime minister. Lord Parkinson said: "I think they are in this together. They have got to stick together." Investors and dealers remained deeply discouraged about sterling's prospects yesterday and a small bounce in the currency soon petered out, leaving the currency at another record low.

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Knife-killer stabbed young mother 49 times

The prospects of solving Rachel Nickell's murder are fading because witnesses have failed to come forward

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Correspondent

RACHEL Nickell, who was murdered on Wimbledon Common last year, was stabbed 49 times in a frenzied attack that continued after she was dead, an inquest was told yesterday. A passerby found Miss Nickell's two-year-old son Alex clutching her arm, crying and calling: "Get up mummy."

Recording a verdict of unlawful killing, Dr Paul Knapman, coroner for west London, said Miss Nickell's death was a "pretty horrific story" of an attack on a 23-year-old woman going for a walk with her dog and child on a July morning. The inquest was told she was stabbed in the heart, lungs and liver and it was difficult to say which wounds killed her.

After the inquest, Miss Nickell's father Andrew, a retired businessman, said: "What happens after a murder is the family is torn asunder and can never go back to life as it was before. Things have gone and they cannot be replaced."

He said he understood what the families of other female murder victims were going through where there was little evidence. In his daughter's case the police might be handicapped because missing witnesses could have vital information. If people did not come forward, men such as the killer "who perpetrated this ghastly murder" would go free.

Mr Nickell and his wife Monica were in the coroner's court as Andre Hanscombe, Miss Nickell's partner, described her last morning. He said she had recently begun walking on Wimbledon Common after deciding it was safer than other commons she had used. Asked by Dr Knapman about his son, Mr Hanscombe said he was "fine at the moment" and said they might be moving abroad.

Less than two hours after Mr Hanscombe said goodbye to his family on July 15 last year as he left for work, Miss Nickell's body was found by Michael Murray, a retired architect, who was walking his dog. Mr Murray told the inquest that he saw what he thought was a sunbather and as he got closer he realised it was a body, naked from the waist down. A little boy who was obviously upset was hold-

ing her arm and he had to prise his grip off.

Mr Murray had passed no one as he walked to the spot and heard nothing unusual. Miss Nickell was clearly dead. He took the child to a group of women near by and went to get help.

Dr Richard Shepherd, a Home Office pathologist from Guy's Hospital, worked at the scene and carried out a post mortem examination. Miss Nickell, he said, had been stabbed in the back, chest and neck. One wound to the hand showed she had tried to defend herself. She had been sexually interfered with and many of the wounds had the potential to kill her.

It was all one seamless attack and injuries continued after she died, the pathologist said. Asked by Dr Knapman if it could be described as a frenzied attack, Dr Shepherd said he normally avoided such phrases but that would be a very good description of what had happened.

Det Supt John Bassett, heading the murder investigation, said that from the beginning he had been preoccupied not only with getting an arrest but that the killer might strike again. "Although we have suspects there is no evidence which would hold up in court which would link any person with the body at present," he said. There was no plan to wind up the investigation and there were 15 to 20 people who had been on the common at the time whom he urged to come forward.

Later, he told journalists that police, working with a psychologist, had created a profile of the possible killer. The attack may have been his first after years of secret fantasy about a particular type of woman and sex. He was 25 to 28, living alone or with his mother between half a mile and a mile from the common. Unemployed, he did not use a car but might have a bicycle. He was sexually inept or immature. Mr Bassett said there were five or six suspects who could not be eliminated but there was no firm evidence against them.

"As every day goes by the chances of an arrest get less," he said. "If things stand as they are today, I have to be totally frank, realistically it is getting harder and harder."



Caring mother: Rachel Nickell, who was murdered as she walked on Wimbledon Common, and her boy friend Andre Hanscombe



Boy witness bears no obvious scars

ALEX Hanscombe has every prospect of recovering with little apparent damage from the experience of seeing his mother killed, several experts said yesterday (Stewart Tandler writes).

The three-year-old boy, who was the only witness to the attack, was interviewed last year with the help of Dr Jean Harris Hendricks, a child psychiatrist. Alex, with his father present, played and talked to her three times a week for three months as he was encouraged through drawings, stories and games to come to terms with his experience.

Police said yesterday they might interview him again later and the family said he seemed to have recovered well. Andrew Nickell, his grandfather, said: "He is in good condition." Mr Hanscombe and the family have discussed the possibility of him going to France to seek work as a tennis coach, taking Alex with him.



Helping hand: friends of Rachel Nickell reconstruct the scene on the Common

Big enquiries need cash and luck

By Our Crime Correspondent

THE Rachel Nickell investigation has become the sort of case detectives dread. After seven months, the trail grows colder by the day, the cost keeps climbing and, unless the killer is caught, there is every chance that he will strike again.

Twenty-five detectives will report for duty today on what is now Britain's biggest current murder hunt, with a bill exceeding £1 million and 1,000 statements taken. A thousand lines of investigation wait to be completed and 200 names of suspects must still be checked.

The computers hold 6,000 names of suspects, possible witnesses or sources of information. More than 600 suspects, including 35 men who were cleared, have been cleared or are being cleared. The man who killed Miss Nickell may well have met her before on Wimbledon Common as she walked her dog. They may have passed each other and ex-

changed a pleasantries. But who was he? Not surprisingly, Det Supt John Bassett recently told his officers that the enquiry desperately needs a stroke of luck.

Overtime has cost £145,500, and the Yard has provided extra money for the local police budget. Manpower has been cut by half alongside other economies, but the Yard will think hard before ending investigations. Yet the Nickell investigation illustrates the high price of murder.

With high overtime rates and increasingly expensive forensic science services, some chief constables doubt that small county forces could now afford such operations.

However, the public have high expectations, which police have often fulfilled. In 1990, the Home Office recorded 664 murders. The clear-up rate for murder that year was more than 90 per cent, partly influenced by the fact that more than 60 per cent of victims knew their attackers. The killers still have to be

caught, however. Television detectives manage with a handful of officers. Police balance sheets show a different picture.

Costs depend on the nature of the murder. A husband-and-wife case may be dealt with by a couple of officers. More complex cases take months or years, especially when a serial killer is concerned. The Yard does not break down the cost of individual murders other than by overtime, although a new costing system is being introduced. Complex murders are investigated by officers from a major incident team based in each of the eight London police areas, and other killings are investigated by local CID.

Thames Valley, the largest shire force in the country, grades murders depending on factors such as the circumstances and the victim. The officer in charge is expected to monitor costs daily, calculate the costs of lines of enquiry such as house-to-house questioning and ask senior officers for permission to proceed.

Lady Green tests fail to find cause

By A Staff Reporter

A POST-MORTEM examination of the body of Lady Green, the estranged wife of Sir Allan Green, the former director of public prosecutions, did not establish the cause of death, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

A spokeswoman said pathologists wanted to carry out further tests after the examination proved "inconclusive". A cause of death was not likely to be given until today.

Lady Green's body was found by her son Robin on Saturday at her home in Maida Vale, northwest London. A bottle of pills and some letters were lying near by. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.

Sir Allan, 57, was caught kerb-crawling in the King's Cross red light district of London in October 1991. He was questioned by police and the next day resigned from his post. He later reported himself to the Bar for misconduct.

After the scandal broke, Lady Green said she would stand by her husband, but they separated in January last year.

Wives are valued at £349 a week

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

THE value of a wife and mother has almost doubled to £349 a week in the past 12 years, according to Legal & General, the life insurance company. That is the amount it would cost to replace a wife with paid cooks, child carers, cleaners, gardeners and chauffeurs. In 1981 the company put the price of a wife at £204 a week.

At £18,150 a year, the cost of replacing a wife is more than what three-quarters of the working population receives in wages. For the mother with a child under one, her efforts would cost £457 a week or £23,764 a year, Legal & General says, because of the extra hours of child care.

Legal & General says that the unpaid work done by women with dependent children contributes £100 billion a year to the economy. It says that housewives spend an average 71 hours a week on domestic chores and a woman with a part-time job still works an average 59 hours at home. Even those with a full-time job have an

average domestic working week of 49 hours. Those with children aged under one spend 90 hours a week working at home.

The average housewife spends 17.9 hours a week as a nanny, which would cost £5.90 an hour if replaced by a professional, she cooks for 12.2 hours (£5.35 an hour replacement cost), cleaning 12.2 hours (£3.35), laundry 9.3 hours (£3.80), dishwashing without a machine 5.7 hours (£3.80), driving children about 2.6 hours (£4.50), gardening one hour and 24 minutes a week (£5.90), sewing 1.7 hours (£3.60).

The company surveyed 1,001 women, 47 per cent of whom were housewives, 35 per cent worked part time and 18 per cent full time.

Helen Matthews, Legal & General's life and pensions marketing controller, said: "It is easy to underestimate the contribution that women make to the family economy. Very few working fathers could bring up a family without paid help, especially if the children are young."

Prisoner loses SAS siege case

By A Staff Reporter

A PRISONER who claimed he was beaten by SAS soldiers during an operation to end a jail siege lost his case yesterday. A jury at the Court of Sessions in Edinburgh rejected allegations brought by John Devine, 32, that he had been beaten by the soldiers when they stormed Peterhead prison in October 1987.

Devine, who is now in Perth prison, was suing Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, for £30,000 for injuries he claimed he received at the hands of soldiers and prison officers during the siege. He claimed they used illegal, unnecessary and excessive force against him.

SAS men, who gave evidence from behind 7ft high screens to protect their anonymity, denied Devine had been beaten with batons or thrown from an attic.

After the case Cameron Fyfe, Devine's lawyer, said: "For years, the authorities refused to admit that the SAS was used to bring the Peterhead siege to an end. At last the claims of prisoners have been proved correct."

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Budget blunder puts more children at risk in general hospitals

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE NHS is failing to provide a proper service to children in non-specialist hospitals, according to the Audit Commission.

Survival rates for childhood cancer are up to five times higher in specialist units than in general hospitals and more than twice as high for premature babies, says the report. That is despite the fact that the specialist units often deal with far sicker children.

But health authorities are switching care to local hospitals in a mistaken belief that

costs in the specialist units are higher. The cost of care in specialist units is up to 30 per cent lower than in general hospitals, because they use their intensive care beds more efficiently. If all intensive care for newborn babies were switched to the busiest 30 per cent of units, the NHS would save £3 million a year.

The report, by the Audit Commission, the independent body set up to monitor the NHS and local authorities, says much more could be done to improve the care of the one

in 11 children who enter hospital as in-patients every year.

Some 25 per cent of surgeons perform so few operations on children — fewer than 20 a year on patients aged three to ten — that their lack of experience poses a risk to the children involved. Evidence shows that death rates among young patients of such surgeons are higher.

About 25 per cent of hospitals lack enough experienced junior doctors to provide emergency cover 24 hours a day, leading to unnecessary admissions. Admission rates for asthma vary five-fold and for newborn babies they range from 4 per cent to 35 per cent admitted to intensive care, at high cost and without clear medical benefit.

In one hospital, admissions for asthma fell from nine out of ten patients attending the accident and emergency department to just over half after a training programme for junior doctors was introduced.

Many operations, especially for glue ear, may be unnecessary. The report says there have been more than 19 controlled trials of the operation, which involves the insertion of grommets (valves) in the eardrum to allow fluid to drain away, but they have failed to show which children benefit. Yet grommet insertion, now costing £30 million a year in England and Wales, may cause other long-term ear problems.

The study, conducted in ten health districts and drawing on other information from Britain and abroad, found that many hospitals fail to acknowledge the importance of the family for providing physical and emotional support. They mix adults and children, despite their widely differing needs, and do not provide adequate facilities for parents, such as tea and coffee or showers.

Andrew Foster, controller of the commission, said there should be public discussion of the need for operations such as glue ear and the value of specialist services. "The public should be able to make up their own minds," he said.

Harley St landlord seeks surgeons

By OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A HARLEY Street landlord is wooing NHS consultants in London teaching hospitals which are under threat from the Tomlinson report.

Howard de Walden Estates, the family firm of Lord Howard de Walden, who owns much of Marylebone and is one of Britain's richest men, has written to the consultants in hospitals threatened with closure or amalgamation and invited them to set up in private practice.

In the letter Colin Eldridge, the managing director, says that the timing of the closures is uncertain — but it occurs to me that you may like to consider, perhaps with some of your colleagues, the possibility of taking a consulting

suite or room situated on this estate which includes most of Harley Street and the whole of Wimpole Street and Devonshire Place.

Mr Eldridge said he had sent "a couple of hundred" letters to consultants in most of the affected hospitals but it was too soon to have received replies.

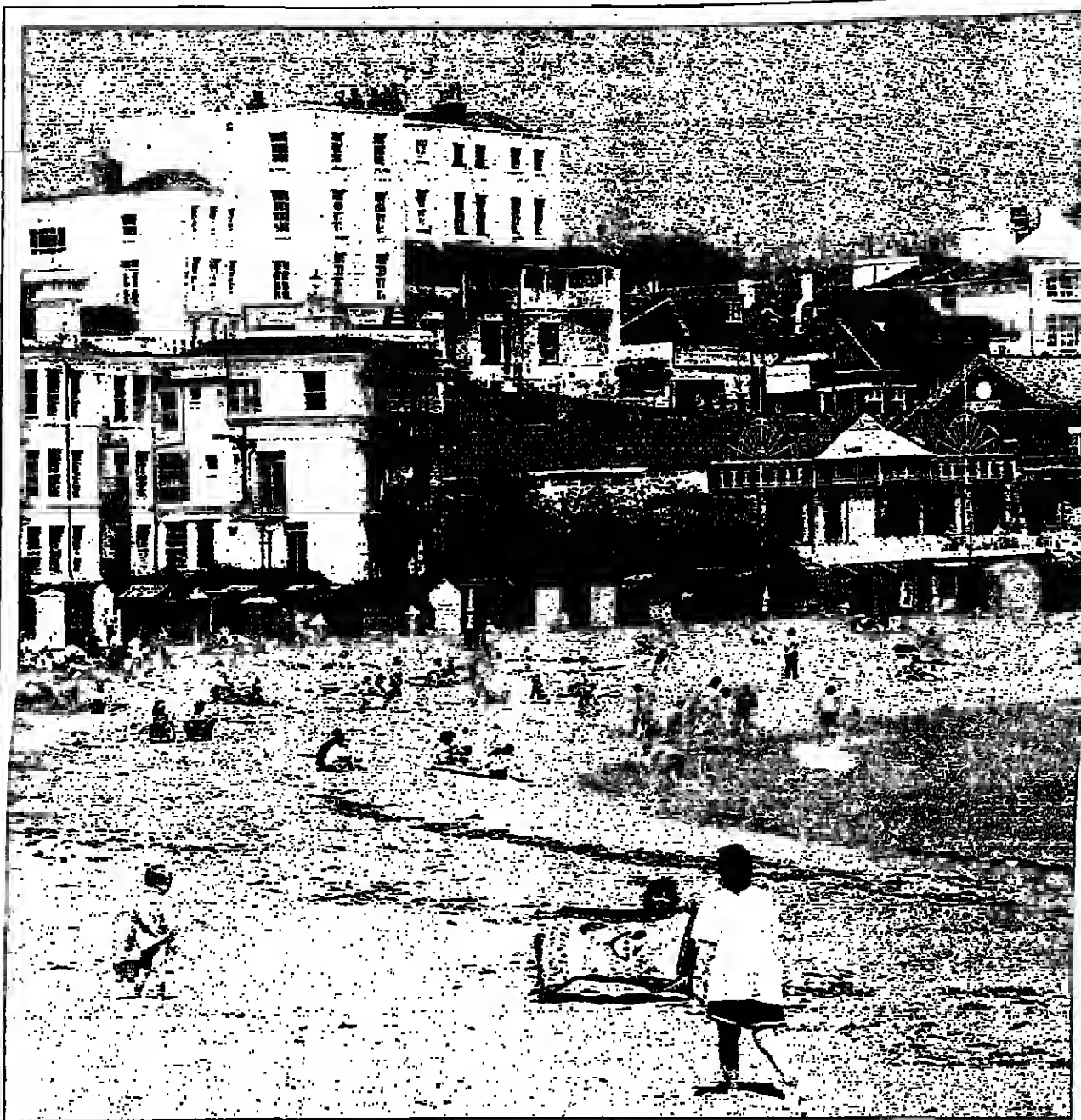
"It will be interesting to see what impact the Tomlinson report has. If there are consultants out there who are going to be made redundant, it may be an alternative to come to Harley Street and put up a place," he said.

"We are interested in maintaining the character of the area. To do that we have to attract people of the right calibre." However, he added that only a few rooms were available which were "particularly difficult to let because they are not very nice". Rents range from £5,000 a year for a "nasty poky room at the back" to £15,000 a year for grander accommodation.

Professor Michael Besser, chief executive of St Bartholomew's hospital, a consultant endocrinologist, said he had received the letter but was not interested. "They are trying to poach me and my practice, but I cannot conceive that it will not continue at Bart's," he said.



Lord Howard de Walden owns part of Marylebone



Tranquillity shattered: Broadstairs, where residents have been campaigning for increased police cover

Pensioner in coma after park attack

By NICHOLAS WAIT

AN ELDERLY woman was in intensive care yesterday after being beaten over the head in the normally tranquil retirement town of Broadstairs, Kent. As Josephine Bridges, 79, lay unconscious in hospital, fellow pensioners voiced fears about their safety.

Miss Bridges, who lives in an old people's home, was found lying unconscious in a pool of blood in the resort's Victoria Gardens on Monday afternoon. Her handbag had been tampered with but police say she was not robbed.

A resident at the same old people's home, which overlooks the park, said last night she saw the attack on Miss Bridges from her third-floor window. The woman, who wanted to remain anonymous, said: "I told the police I saw a workman hitting Josephine."

Det Chief Insp Vic Butcher, who is

leading the hunt for the attacker, said yesterday: "This was a most despicable and cowardly attack on a frail old lady. At this stage, it appears to have been a motiveless attack."

Police are appealing for a man in his late 20s to come forward. He was seen in the small park at the time of the attack wearing a black vest over a white sweatshirt and dark-coloured track suit trousers.

Before Miss Bridges was attacked, the town's deputy mayor was collecting signatures for a petition demanding round-the-clock policing in Broadstairs. Pat Craddock claimed yesterday that police, whose headquarters are in Margate, responded to crimes too slowly. "It was always going to be a terrible crime like this that would make people here realise the depth of lawlessness on our streets," she said. "We have been trying to alert the police to this for almost a

year. It is ludicrous to man the police station only between 9am and 5pm."

Supt Peter Gammon denied that the police provided inadequate cover. "I would deny any attempt to link this unfortunate incident to levels of policing," he said. "We've got a job to do and that is to catch whoever did this."

Nearly a third of Broadstairs' population of 130,000 are over 60. Eric Ward, 65, said: "This is shocking. Thousands of elderly people live here and we've chosen Broadstairs for its away-from-it-all feel. Now we're living with thugs who do this sort of thing."

Two robbers who attacked a widow of 87 in her home were being hunted by detectives yesterday. The pair aged about 40 walked in through the unlocked back door of her warden-controlled bungalow on the Raccoon estate at Redcar, Cleveland. They escaped with a few pounds.

Cancer screening 'wastes funding'

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HEALTH screening in Britain is poorly organised, often misdirected, and fails to achieve all the benefits possible, a report by the Advisory Council on Science and Technology says.

Some tests are pointless because, even if they show up abnormalities, no effective treatments exist. Others are worthwhile but have been introduced in a piecemeal way without proper evaluation or effective follow-up. Some are "ill-conceived and inappropriate" or have been introduced as a response to public pressure without any real evidence that they will do good.

Cervical cancer screening is singled out for criticism. A national screening system able to achieve the full potential reduction in mortality from the disease would need about three million tests a year, with each woman between the ages of 25 and 64 being tested once every five years.

Although five million tests are done every year, "a disappointingly low reduction in mortality" has been achieved. Young women at low risk have annual tests and until recently older women at higher risk were not tested at all.

There is no national policy. Each health district determines its own policy and the result is "waste and a lack of equity", the committee responsible for the report says.

Another test needing national co-ordination is that for Down's Syndrome. Such tests can detect 60 per cent of affected pregnancies, and could have "more impact than any other in reducing the prevalence of severe mental retardation". But it has proved difficult to gain funding for pilot programmes. "There is an urgent need for an organisation with the responsibility and resources to fund and implement such screening," the report says.

Its recommendations include the introduction of a system under which the organs of dead people would be presumed available for transplant unless the individual had opted out.

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Prime routes and a notorious trouble spot are guinea pigs for a privatised railway system

MacGregor unveils model franchises to end BR's 45-year state monopoly

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

THE end of British Rail's 45-year run as one of the great state monopolies was announced by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, yesterday.

Although much of the network is, in the short term, to remain intact, the seven model franchises announced yesterday account in revenue terms for a third of the £2.1 billion that British Rail collects from passengers each year.

Mr MacGregor, who faces an unremitting battle through the committee stage of the Commons, announced the lines as BR-run model franchises that could be in private hands by April of next year.

They include three InterCity routes, the East Coast main line from King's Cross to

Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Great Western main line from Paddington to Swansea and to Penzance and the Victoria-Gatwick express.

In Scotland, all of ScotRail is to be sold. Network South-East loses its southwestern division, which operates out of Waterloo providing services to Southampton, Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Weymouth and Exeter.

The tiny Isle of Wight line is also earmarked to pass into private hands, and some bold and brave entrepreneur is being invited to take the notorious Fenchurch Street to Southend "miserable line".

Although the seven lines announced yesterday are model franchises, it does not necessarily mean that they will

be the first sold under the franchise system that it is hoped will begin operating in April next year. That will depend on who the bidders are, what plans they come up with and what degree of subsidy they demand.

It is not yet known, for instance, how these seven "guinea pig" lines will fit into a network of national franchising.

Effectively, it is now up to British Rail to show how they could be run as models for the private sector. Interested concerns will be given full access to accounts, investment plans, projected growth and potential hazards.

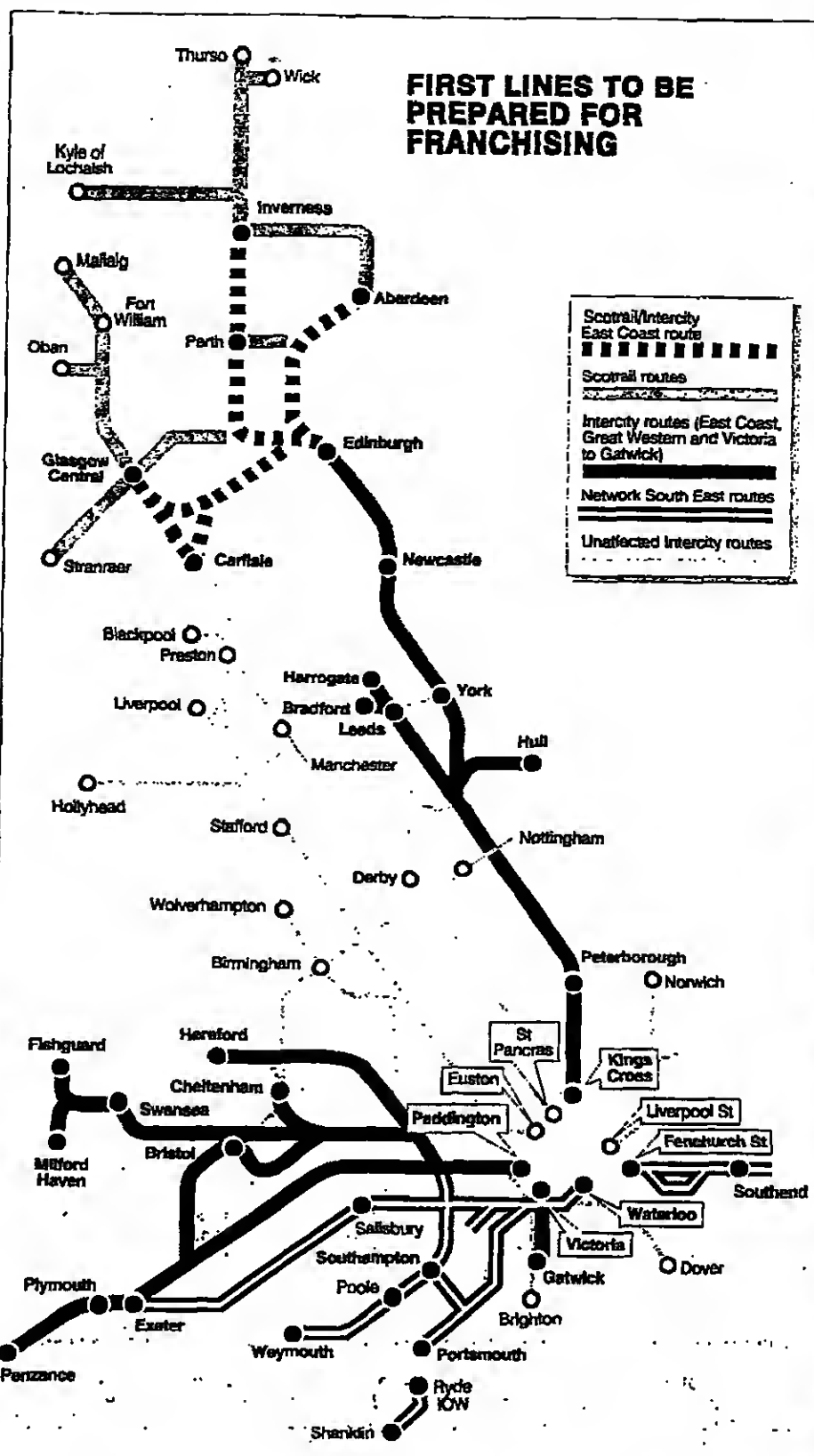
The announcement, which cuts into some of the most lucrative commuter lines in the country and attacks the core of InterCity, is regarded as a bitter pill to swallow by BR management. It appears to represent a severe setback for Chris Green, InterCity's managing director and his management team, who lost the battle for the service, which receives no subsidy, to be retained as an integral unit.

It may be, however, that some senior BR managers will launch their own bid to run the InterCity services, possibly with Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Airlines, or with other airline chiefs. Air companies are attracted by the idea of running rail services because they believe that they could entice more people to use the train to reach Heathrow and Gatwick, releasing slots at regional airports.

Mr MacGregor can expect some of the fiercest criticism over the apparent lack of any guarantee for the continuation of a concessionary fares throughout the network. Only deals for pensioners appear safe.

Yesterday, the minister confirmed that Railtrack is to be established as a public body with responsibility for running track and infrastructure, such as signalling.

Bob Horton, the former BP chairman who is now vice-chairman of the British Railways Board, was named as Railtrack chairman designate.



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InterCity chief attacks break-up

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

CHRIS Green, the managing director of InterCity, last night condemned the government's decision to franchise three of the network's seven routes, saying he and his managers were "very disappointed".

The announcement, he said, made it harder to keep the InterCity network intact in the private sector.

"We still believe that one InterCity is in the best interests of our 200,000 daily customers and our staff, and we shall be studying the proposals carefully as they emerge over the next few weeks in the hope that InterCity benefits can be retained."

His anger over the franchising arrangements were in marked contrast to the comments of Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, who generally appeared to welcome the proposals. Mr Green said he would be meeting Roger Freeman, the transport minister, to discuss how InterCity's strengths could be retained and developed.

Brian Wilson, the shadow transport minister, said the

break-up of InterCity amounted to "destruction". John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said: "This isn't competition of services. It is competition for the taxpayers' money in the payment of subsidies. We are replacing public monopoly with private monopoly."

Sea Containers, which has expressed an interest in Network South-East routes, said it was essential that it controlled investment and maintenance of the track and infrastructure.

A spokesman said the requirement seemed at odds with plans to create Railtrack as a public body responsible for track.

"If we want to introduce a whole new range of trains we are not going to have somebody else deciding when we can go and arrive." Rail unions published a survey which claimed that tourist rail travel could be cut by more than a third because of a 30 per cent increase in fares due to the scrapping of discount tickets and private operators' need to run lines at a profit.

Sell-off news brings little joy to the misery line

By Michael Horsnell

COMMUTERS on the "miserable line" from the Essex marshes to Fenchurch Street in London reacted warily to news of its intended privatisation as they poured off their overcrowded trains yesterday.

What everyone wondered was whether it would really make any difference. Steve Foster, 45, a finance assistant who spends £25 a week to travel from Barking, said: "I can't imagine why investors should want to put their money in such a crackpot railway. It's a diabolical service with filthy, unpunctual and cancelled trains on which there isn't even the room to stand."

Elizabeth Day, 48, a secretary at the House of Commons who pays £1,700 a year to travel from Thorpe Bay, said: "I don't think anything is likely to be improved by privatisation except perhaps the

cleanliness of the trains, which has always been disgusting, because the new operators would presumably want to create a good impression. The line could attract investment. There are so many commuters that it ought to be profitable."

"The trouble is that punctuality and reliability depend on the infrastructure and this would be the responsibility of the track authority and not the franchise holder."

Network South-East's London to Tilbury and Southend service has a 50-year-old steam-age infrastructure, which makes it one of the most unreliable in the country. It carries up to 50,000 passengers a day.

In 1991, BR announced plans to spend £300 million on modernising it with new Networker trains and track and signalling improvements due to be started this year.

However, the investment programme has since been slashed to £50 million for resignalling while replacement trains have been second-hand equipment from northern divisions.

Southend Rail Travellers' Association submitted a report to John MacGregor, the transport secretary, in November setting out minimum standards on all aspects of the service which commuters would expect to be written into any franchise contract. In December, it gave evidence to the Commons select committee on transport.

Richard Delahoy, a bank manager and chairman of the association, who pays £2,068 a year to commute from Southend, said yesterday: "So far, the government has failed to guarantee us those standards. We are very sceptical about privatisation."

Backbench Tories voice concerns

By Robert Morgan and Jonathan Pryn

TORY concerns over government plans for the railways emerged in the Commons last night as soon as John MacGregor, the transport secretary, rose to outline them. They were summed up by George Walden, the MP for Buckingham, who told Mr MacGregor: "Anyone can run a line. What we need is someone to run a railway."

Other Tories in the Home Counties, many of them former ministers with records of unwavering loyalty to the government and staunch supporters of privatisation, also voiced their worries. David Howell (Guildford) said his constituents were looking not merely for improved services, but for a new infrastructure to provide an enhanced transport service. This, he said, would require vast investment.

Tim Renton, a former chief whip who represents Mid Sussex, asked whether there could be more infrastructure investment without a rise in fares.

Sir John Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling) said the crucial question was the level of subsidy and how long it would be available. He also questioned the wisdom of giving the franchising authority the right to decide which lines were socially necessary.

Mr MacGregor strove to reassure them. His "historic change for the better" in Britain's railway system would lead to a new culture, he said. BR's entrenched monopoly meant there was too little responsiveness to customers' needs.

BR had a heavily bureaucratic structure and an instinctive tendency to ask for increasing amounts of taxpayers' money. Privatisation would "enable private sector capital to supplement the existing sources of British Rail finance".

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, condemned the bill as being driven by ideological dogma and commanding no support from experts or the public.



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Fiancee of UVF victim 'dies of broken heart'

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE girl friend of a man shot by the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force a month ago was found dead at her home in Dungannon, co. Tyrone, yesterday, hours after attending a mass in his memory.

Julie Statham, 20, "died of a broken heart" according to her priest. Her death, believed to be caused by an overdose, served as a sharp reminder of the emotional and psychological costs borne by thousands of people bereaved and injured in Northern Ireland in the last 23 years.

Miss Statham was studying politics and history at Queen's University in Belfast and had everything to live for — until January 3, when UVF gunmen burst into the home of Diarmuid Shields, 20, in Lisnagleer, co. Tyrone, and shot him dead. After seriously wounding his brother, they went upstairs and killed the brothers' father Patrick, who was in bed.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, described the shootings as "revolting and unspeakable crime". An attempt by the UVF, which has killed 27

people in mid-Ulster in the last four years, to justify the deaths on the grounds that Patrick Shields was a member of Sinn Féin was widely dismissed.

He and his sons were deeply involved in the local Gaelic football team — often seen by hardline Protestants as a sign of pro-republic sympathies — but they had nothing to do with Sinn Féin.

Father Denis Faul, the Dungannon priest who knows both the Stathams and Shields, seemed shocked yesterday that Julie had killed herself. He believed that, as with most living victims of the Troubles, the various masses and funeral services had helped to console her.

On Sunday, she had attended a Gaelic football match to raise money for the Shields family and on Monday evening, the night before her death, she attended a mass at the Shields home.

But Julie Statham, an only child, clearly could not come to terms with what the UVF had done. An insight into her state of mind came in a tribute to Diarmuid Shields, which she wrote a week after he died and

which was published, anonymously, by her local paper.

She wrote: "His twenty-first birthday in early 1991 was to be the happiest of his life, because finally he could declare to the world that Julie and he were to be married. No one knew, it was something they kept to themselves. But they were ecstatic at the prospect of living together."

"That prospect has been tragically snatched from their grasp. Julie has been left to mourn and grieve while trying to piece her life back together, despite the fact that such a major part of it is missing."

Fr Faul said he preferred not to think of Miss Statham's death as suicide. She had, he said, died of a broken heart. "Diarmuid wrote short stories and she wrote poetry," he said. "It was just one of those sworn idyllic relationships you get at universities. It was all just sunshine and flowers and then the whole thing was cut off brutally by a maniac assassin."

"I suppose she just couldn't understand why. It was a sort of Romeo and Juliet situation," he said.



Overcome: Julie Statham at her fiancé's funeral

Graduate ignored death threats

Bandits shoot British aid worker in Afghanistan ambush

By BILL FROST

A British aid worker shot dead in Afghanistan had returned to the country even though his life had been threatened by bandits last summer, his mother disclosed yesterday.

Tony Bullard, 35, who worked for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, J A Van Hoefaken, a Dutch water resources expert and Abdul Hadi and Zia al Haq, two Afghan drivers, were killed when unidentified gunmen fired on two vehicles at Surkhudval, nine miles east of Jalalabad, on Monday, in the most serious attack on UN officials working in Afghanistan, the UN said.

Reinhard Wanrooy, a senior official of the UN High Commission for Refugees, escaped unhurt by jumping out of his vehicle and hiding in nearby bushes. The officials were travelling from the east-

ern Pakistan city of Peshawar to Jalalabad for the UN programme of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

The gunmen left immediately after the attack. "The gunmen had apparently been lying in wait," a UN official said, adding that it was not known who was responsible for the attack.

Two senior UN officials flew from Pakistan to Jalalabad yesterday with a demand that the area's governor "conduct a full investigation and bring those responsible to justice". The bodies were flown back to Pakistan yesterday. A British embassy spokesman in Islamabad said that arrangements were being made to fly Mr Bullard's body to Britain.

Diplomats said the UN might suspend its operations in Jalalabad as a result of the attack. Jalalabad has been a big centre of UN operations in eastern Afghanistan since it cleared all its international staff from Kabul during fierce battles between Mujahidin factions last August. One Western diplomat said the attack could have been carried out by a clandestine fundamentalist group opposed to an international presence in Afghanistan.

The ambush happened on what was described as "a very dangerous stretch of road". The gunmen apparently had been lying in wait for the UN vehicles and were said to have opened fire indiscriminately. Ian Ellason, United Nations under-secretary general for humanitarian affairs, said the incident highlighted the increasing danger to relief workers in Afghanistan.

Dorothy Bullard said that

her son had been ambushed by bandits in Afghanistan last July. "He was with a group of aid workers and was robbed of everything. But they spared his life," she said yesterday at her home in Malvern near Llanstlin, Clwyd.

When her son came home on leave, Mrs Bullard told him he did not have to return to Afghanistan. "But he insisted. He was dedicated to his work. It was his life." He had been committed to aid work since a school trip to Gambia.

Ted Bullard said that his son had become used to working in hazardous circumstances and had seen violence before arriving in Afghanistan. "Nothing would put him off, though. He returned time after time to areas everybody else would consider danger zones."

Mr Bullard said: "Tony was very altruistic and dedicated to his job. Otherwise he would never have gone back to Afghanistan after the experience of the robbery last year when they were just lucky to get away with their lives."



Bullard: an altruist dedicated to aid work

Rebel troops kill Briton in Liberia

By RAY CLANCY

A FORMER British engineer who refused to leave Liberia when the civil war broke out has been shot dead by rebel troops at a chimpanzee research centre where he was looking after about 150 animals, the Foreign Office confirmed yesterday.

Brian Garnham was shot in the chest during a raid by Armed Forces of Liberia soldiers as he tried to defend staff at the Liberian Institute of Biomedical Research near the capital, Monrovia. The centre is close to Robertsfield international airport, which has been the scene of heavy fighting in recent days.

His widow Betsy Brotman, an American, was unharmed in the attack. She is taking his body to the Ivory Coast and it will be sent to Britain later this week, a spokesman at the British embassy in Abidjan said.

The precise circumstances of the incident are still unclear. "We understand that he was shot in the chest and died very quickly on Sunday," the embassy spokesman said.

Mr Garnham, who used to work at the airport as an engineer, had lived in Liberia for more than 20 years. When

the rebels took over in 1990 and thousands of foreigners fled, he and his wife, both aged about 50, were given shelter in the Canadian embassy and took over responsibility for the animals.

Supplies were scarce and the couple reported that starving chimpanzees were trying to steal the chimpanzees, probably intending to eat them.

The research centre had been founded in 1974 and was mainly concerned with testing vaccines for hepatitis. When the scientists left during the war, about 150 chimpanzees were left behind, with research material including frozen cells stored in a deep freeze.

The couple had experienced raids before. On one occasion, they were dragged from their car at gunpoint near the centre by rebel troops, but were released unharmed.

Liberian troops are notorious for looting and killing. The five-nation West African army was criticised last November when it brought the Liberian soldiers out of their barracks to fight alongside them to save Monrovia from besieging rebels loyal to the guerrilla chief Charles Taylor.

Legal row bogs down peat deal

By MICHAEL HORNESEY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AN AGREEMENT to limit the commercial exploitation of Britain's most ecologically valuable peat bogs remains unsigned more than a year after being unveiled.

Difficulties over the legal details are holding up the deal between Fisons, the biggest peat-digging company, and English Nature, the government's main wildlife conservation agency. Fisons agreed on January 30 last year to hand over the ownership of 8,000 acres of lowland bog in Cumbria, Somerset and Yorkshire in return for being allowed to continue extracting peat from 5,000 acres under a lease-back arrangement that would limit the depth to which the bog could be cut and require Fisons to maintain the water table in the bogs.

Some environmentalists would not mind if the negotiations collapsed. They see the proposed deal as fundamentally flawed because it would allow extraction to continue.

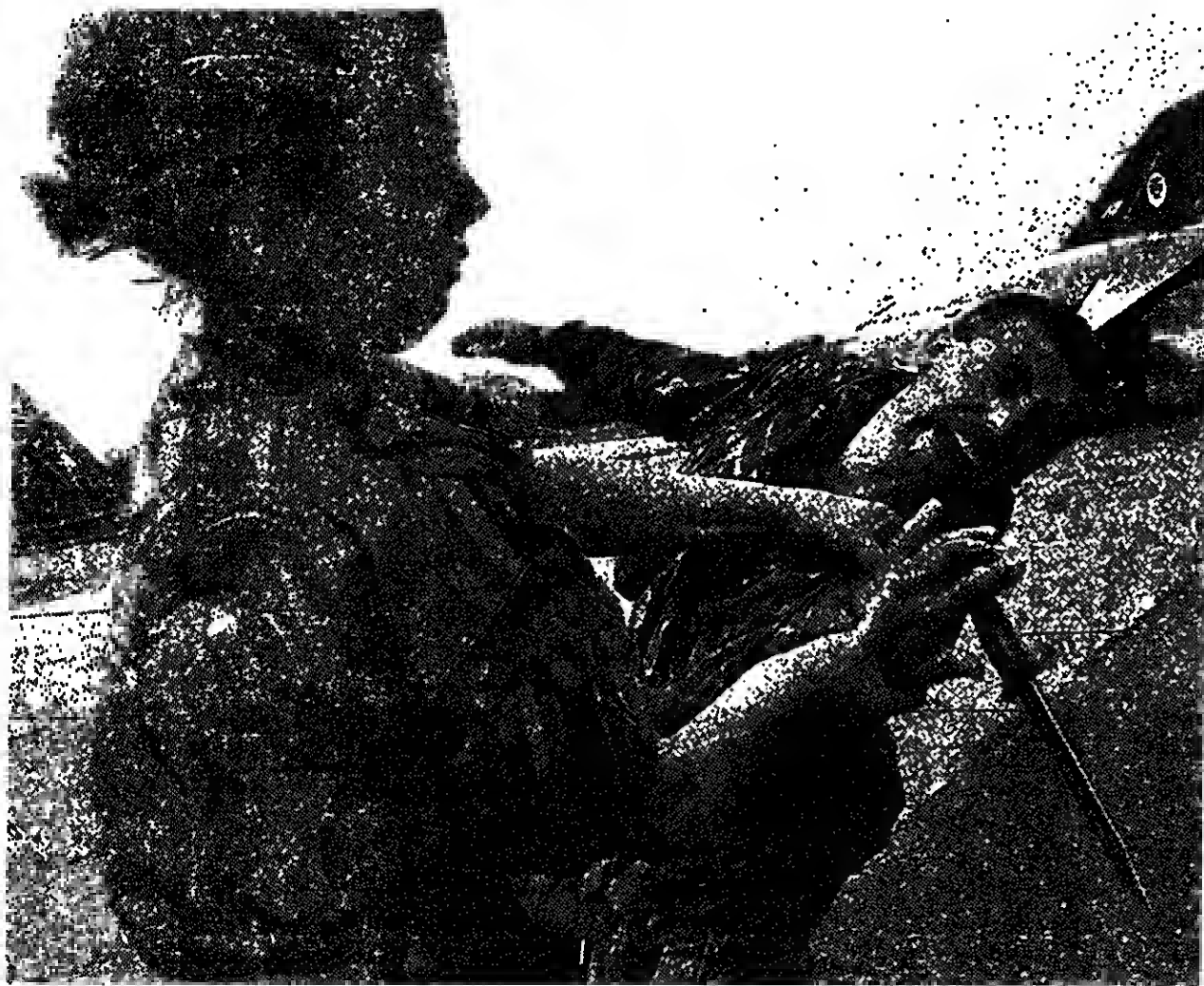
Egon whips up airport food fight

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE full weight of Egon Ronay's disapproval has landed on Britain's provincial airports for the poor food they provide. He singled out Manchester, the UK's fastest growing airport, as the worst.

Mr Ronay, who was hired by the British Airports Authority to improve catering at Heathrow, singled out Manchester's dried-out kippers, "powdered" scrambled eggs, "inedible, rubbery and cold" sausage rolls, greasy cream slices and a currant bun so hard it could have been "a lethal weapon". Luton, Birmingham and Stansted airports also came under fire for poor coffee.

Mr Ronay's taste buds were so offended by a £1.65 hot dog sampled at Manchester while filming for the BBC's *Food and Drink* programme that he spat it out on camera. SAS, the caterer at Manchester, said that more than 80 per cent of the airport's 1.24 million passengers a year had no complaints.



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Devonport likely to win the battle for Trident, says Major

By Sheila Gunn and Michael Evans

AS THE battle of the royal dockyards enters its critical phase, John Major has indicated to southern Tory MPs that Devonport rather than the Scottish shipyard of Rosyth is likely to win the Trident submarine fleet.

The decision has already been delayed more than once due to ministerial worries over potential job losses and a vigorous rearguard action on behalf of the Rosyth yard by Scottish MPs and unions.

The Royal Navy says it would prefer Devonport because the bigger and more flexible yard could handle both submarine and surface ship refits. Rosyth does not have the same facilities.

In Devonport the navy could concentrate all its requirements at one yard. The closure of one of the yards would make economic sense for the navy because with cuts in the submarine and surface

Rosyth seems likely to lose its fight for survival — but closure will be delayed to avoid an outcry over job losses

fleets, there is no longer any reason for keeping two dockyards at different ends of the country.

The navy fears that if ministers compromise by keeping both yards alive, the Treasury will demand something in return, such as cancellation of a vital equipment project.

The prime minister has made it clear that he is not prepared to sanction the immediate closure of the Scottish yard for fear of provoking an outcry about an estimated 14,000 job losses just after the pits debacle.

However no decision appears to have been taken over what work would be left at Rosyth if it loses its key function of refitting the

nuclear submarines. Despite the logic for closing Rosyth, ministers are still closely scrutinising the other sides of the argument.

Although there is no strategic reason for keeping Rosyth it has become clear that Devonport, which employs 5,200 people, has the better chance of surviving without the Trident contract. If it lost the contract at least 1,000 jobs would have to go but the yard, albeit slimmed-down, would almost certainly remain open. Its greater flexibility would leave it well placed to compete for other contracts.

Rosyth, which employs 4,000, would probably be doomed without Trident. There is little likelihood that

the yard could survive in a competitive marketplace for refit contracts restricted to surface ships.

Ministers have already decided against the first bid from Rosyth, which was for a new yard costing £267 million.

Although Allan Smith, chief executive of Babcock Thorn, which manages Rosyth, said yesterday that a new facility would make better economic sense in the long term, the ministry regards the cost as excessive.

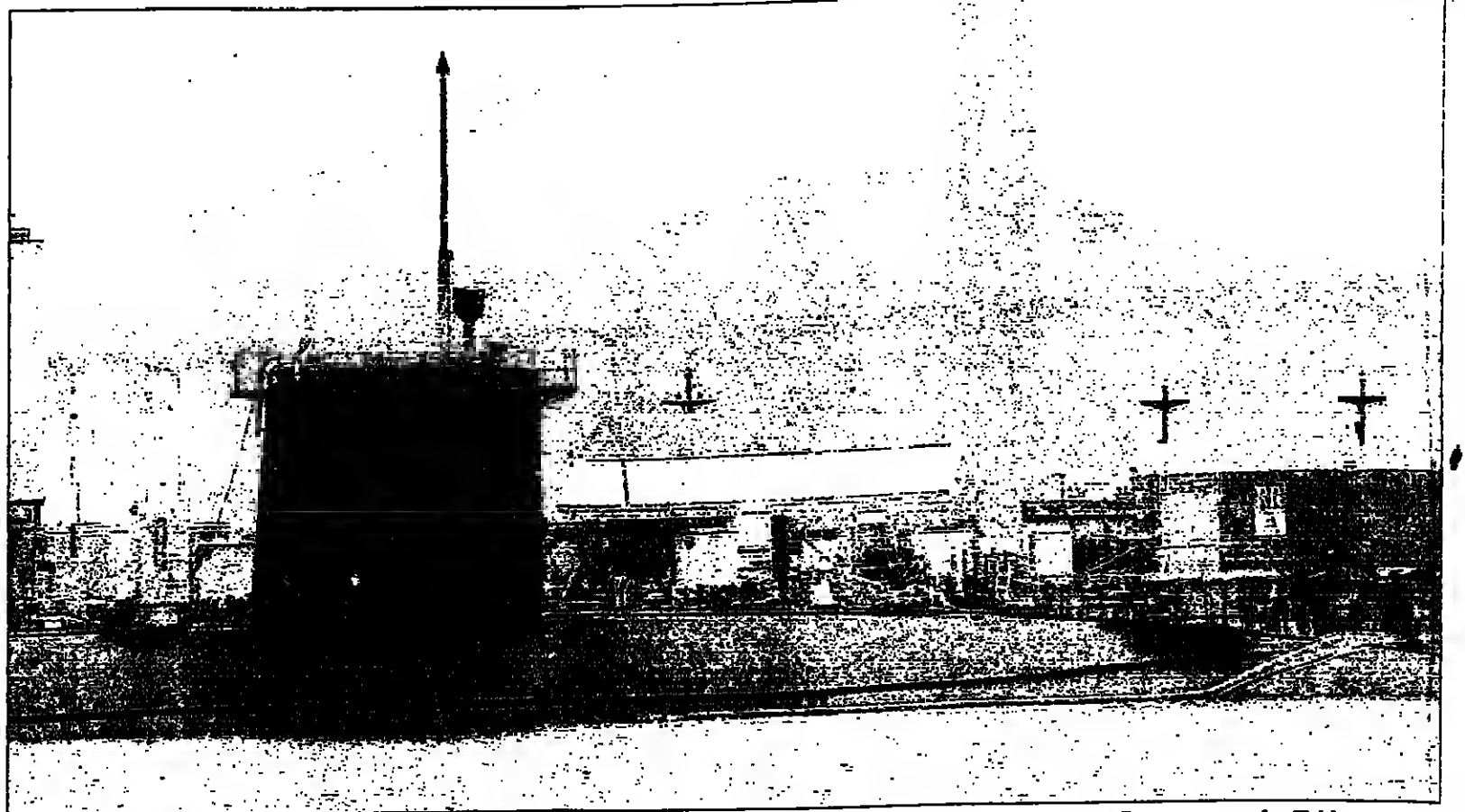
Devonport put in a £162 million bid for rebuilding an existing facility and Rosyth responded with a bid of £147 million to rebuild old docks for Trident.

There will be four Trident submarines, all built by VSEL

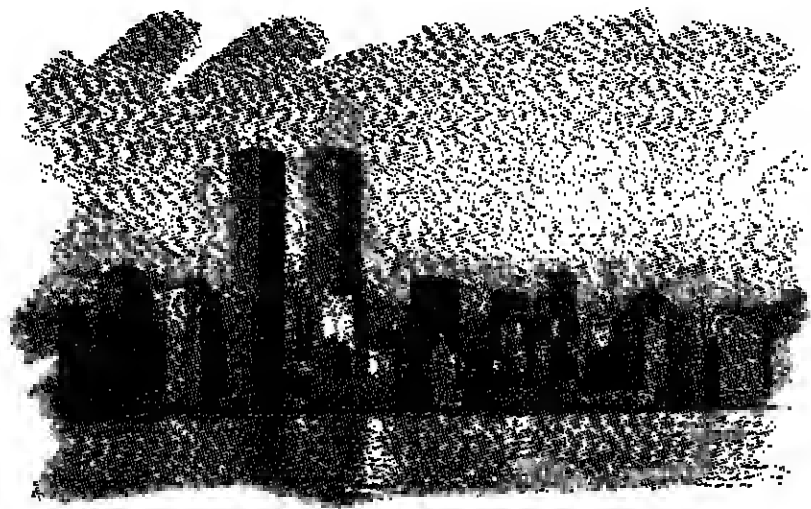
in Barrow-in-Furness, in Cumbria. The first, HMS Vanguard, has just returned from sea trials. The winner of the Trident contract will have guaranteed work for 30 years because the new submarines will remain Britain's principal

nuclear deterrent until at least 2025.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, appears to favour a ten-year compromise deal, which would leave Rosyth with work on the surface ship fleet.



Battle stations: Rosyth dockyard in Scotland, where 14,000 jobs are threatened if Devonport wins the fierce contest for Trident



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Campaigning crews vie for nuclear work

The long delay in setting the dispute over the Trident refit has sparked off some of the fiercest lobbying seen in this parliament. Scare tactics focusing on the number of jobs at stake, the impact on the local economy — and the likely outcome on local seats at the next general election — have become the daily norm. Each side has disputed the seriousness of the other's bid, raising the spectre of safety risks and double dealing (Sheila Gunn writes).

John Major, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, and Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, have been bombarded with papers from the competing camps. On the Rosyth side, the line-up is headed by GJW, the professional Westminster lobbyists, who have been retained by Babcock, the dockyard's managers.

The Rosyth campaign, an amalgam of dockyard workers, trade unionists, and councillors and MPs of all parties, is now into over-

drive after a rally last week at Westminster. In a recent letter to the prime minister, the campaign claimed that its rival, Devonport, faced "severe problems of work-loading and overheads" that would be made worse by taking on the nuclear refit programme.

Gordon Brown, shadow chancellor, whose Dunfermline East constituency would be affected by job losses if Rosyth closes, has taken a lead in lobbying.

The case for Devonport is being put by the Rowland Green, a Saatchi-owned public relations company. The campaign is also supported by an unusual alliance including Labour-led Plymouth City Council and the Conservative-led county councils in Devon and Cornwall.

Gary Streeter, Tory MP for Plymouth Sutton and outspoken in promoting "his" dockyard, last week questioned the safety risks of approving Rosyth's bid for refitting Trident submarines in the old docks.

Dockyard puts its faith in hard work

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

ROSYTH royal dockyard lost the flagpole proudly flying its Union Jack in the high winds last week. Even its steel construction could not prevent it from cracking and keeling over.

The symbolism was not lost on the 4,000 strong workforce. The political storm surrounding the future of Rosyth has been battering them for more than a year, and they do not intend giving in so easily.

No one is in any doubt about what the future of Rosyth will be if, as many suspect, the Trident nuclear refitting contract is awarded to Devonport in the next ten days. From Alan Smith, the managing director, to Beverly Ford, the youngest female apprentice, the answer is the same: Rosyth will die.

Mr Smith reckons that without the Trident contract, Rosyth has a maximum of five years. A consolation prize of surface ship refitting will not be enough to save it. Eighty per cent of its £165 million turnover comes from the Ministry of Defence and 50 per cent is submarine work.

Babcock Thorn, the company which manages the dockyard, has won a contract to refit London Underground trains, but it is not enough to secure Rosyth's future.

Apart from the 4,100 staff, there are around 300 contractors, from Newcastle to Aberdeen, working at the site. All would pay the price of closure.

"Shut Rosyth and you might as well close the gates to Fife," said one worker. The town of Dunfermline, already battling, would be worst affected but the entire region, which has seen its once thriving mining towns wither and die, would feel the effects.

John and David Wood, father and son electrical fitters, said their street would be devastated if Rosyth were to shut. In addition to his father, two of David's uncles work at Rosyth as do both neighbours. Janet Howe, a secretary at

Rosyth for five years, knows her husband's joinery and double glazing business will struggle if Rosyth closes. He has already mooted a move to Germany if the Trident contract goes to Devonport. Some will take their specialist skills to the Middle East and the Far East. Others, said John Andrew, the project manager, "will drift around in dying towns".

Despite the clouds hanging over Rosyth there is an optimism about the place. All are proud to work there and all firmly believe that Rosyth should win the contract on merit. Experience, the safety record and environmental factors are cited as reasons.

Mr Smith said he would be happy for Rosyth's bid to be judged on its merits. He is confident that from a purely defence point of view it will win.

But a well-thumbed copy of Vacher's Parliamentary Companion, which lists the names and numbers of all Britain's MPs, lying open on his desk, testifies to the fact that merit is not enough. This decision will be a political one.

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Health chiefs launch national campaign after women ignore warnings of danger to fetuses

Pregnant teenagers carry on smoking and damage babies

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

WOMEN are ignoring the dangers of smoking during pregnancy, despite evidence that it damages their baby, increases the risk of miscarriage and causes complications at delivery.

The most persistent smokers are teenage girls with no regular partner whose pregnancies are unplanned. In this group, more than half are smokers, a survey by the British Medical Association has found. Among all pregnant women, 29 per cent are smokers, the same proportion as is found among women nationally.

This "disappointingly high proportion" shows that the anti-smoking message is failing to change women's behaviour, despite evidence that they are more motivated to give up during pregnancy, the BMA says.

Yesterday, the Health Education Authority (HEA) launched a campaign aimed at helping pregnant women to give up smoking. Newspaper advertising, posters for every GP's surgery, and a guidance leaflet hammer home the message that "every cigarette you smoke affects your baby". One poster shows a baby on a

ventilator, with the message: "He's been smoking cigarettes for the last nine months, now he's on a pipe."

A study for the HEA by Karen Jones and Jill McCleod Clark of the King's College School of Nursing has drawn a profile of those most likely to ignore anti-smoking advice. They either have no partner or an unsupportive one, are likely to be unemployed, poorly educated, and have friends who smoke. Their pregnancies are unplanned and they make their first visit to the ante-natal clinic late. Women who have already had a healthy baby despite smoking are especially resistant to advice. "They think 'it doesn't apply to me'," Ms Jones said.

Many of those who do give up start again soon after their baby is born. This group, says Ms Jones, should be selected for advice, because research shows that motivated quitters can be helped. Her survey found that while most pregnant women expect advice on smoking, only 55 per cent reported getting any. Scientists from the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre in Birmingham are seeking backers for a passive smoking

detector kit that they have developed.

The kit tests urine for the presence of cotinine, the breakdown product of nicotine in the body. According to Dr Graham Cope of the Wolfson Applied Technology Laboratory at the centre, it was designed for people who wanted to give up smoking, but is sensitive enough to detect the effects of passive smoking as well.

He expects the kits to be used by chemists and doctors, rather than individuals, as the effects of passive smoking are so slight that they require a special machine for accurate measurement. The kit is easy to make, and given a backer could be on the market within a year, costing no more than a pregnancy testing kit.

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Anti-smoke signals: Professor Jill McCleod Clark with the hard-hitting posters intended to persuade pregnant women to stop smoking

Back-seat princess caught out

By IAN MURRAY

AN AFRICAN elephant and the Princess of Wales played their part yesterday in publishing a £1.2 million campaign to persuade back-seat passengers to wear safety belts.

The elephant appears in a television commercial that shows what happens when a car is in a head-on crash at 30mph. The princess, whose official Jaguar was involved yesterday in an accident with a police car for the second time within a month, was found to be ignoring the 18-month-old law requiring back-seat passengers to use safety belts.

The princess was arriving at a refugee support centre in Stockwell, south London. As her car turned quickly into the road, the following police car braked hard but slid into the rear bumper.

Three weeks ago, her car was involved in an almost identical accident when she arrived at Ludgrove school, Berkshire, to deliver Prince William and Prince Harry for the start of term.

Buckingham Palace said the princess had made the journey from Kensington Palace to Stockwell safely belted into the back seat. The Palace said: "Seconds before she arrived, as the car pulled out to private property, she undid the belt so that she would be ready to get out quickly."

Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister, launching the campaign, said: "In a 30mph crash, an unrestrained passenger can be thrown forward on to those in front with a force of three and a half tons, the weight of an elephant." The television commercial shows just such a crash, with an elephant hitting first the car driver and then hurtling on through the windscreen.

NEWS IN BRIEF VW agrees funding for road safety

More than 80 road crossing wardens in Berkshire are to be issued with new uniforms as part of a £7,500 sponsorship deal between Volkswagen and the county council.

Each uniform will carry a small VW logo on the left breast and another eight-inch square logo on the back underlined with the words "Drive Safely".

Don Beer, vice-chairman of the road safety committee, said: "If cricketers and footballers can advertise companies, why not lollipop ladies?" But Vera Thompson, who patrols a crossing at Woodley near Reading, said: "We will look like a walking advertisement."

Drug charges

Georgia Griffiths, 21, the daughter of a crown court judge on the Wales and Chester circuit, was bailed by Oxford magistrates yesterday on charges of possessing and supplying LSD and possessing amphetamine sulphate with intent to supply.

Last farewell

A guard of honour from HMS Daedalus will attend the funeral service today at Calvados, Normandy, of RNVR Lt Arthur Beane, whose remains were found in a field last autumn, 49 years after he was shot down in a dogfight.

Fishy haven

More than 1,800 perch, pike and roach have been stunned with electric shocks and moved to another pool while repairs are made at Tannock Park, the National Trust mansion at Knutsford, Cheshire.

The way it isn't GRAIG BROWN



THE new Who's Who has been heralded by some as an indication that Britain is indeed moving towards a more classless society, the percentage of state-educated entrants having increased since last year.

But for me it remains a repository of misconceived middle-classes, once secret, now public. How odd it must be for those who have spent so much energy repelling from schoolroom treating from schoolroom taunts caused by wacky middle names now to find them plastered in bold type for all to goggle at.

I have often thought that Parliament is formed largely of people who descended into the political arena as a refuge from childhood bullying for the bossy are

generally those who once were bossed. A look through Who's Who confirms that a high proportion of the middle names of MPs of all parties are, to say the least, unexpected.

What a bitter blow it must be for the novice MP first to have his funny middle names read out in full to millions by the returning officer, and then to read them once more in his brand new entry in Who's Who. Just think of the traumas suffered by everyone from Paddy Durham Ashdown to Paul Yaw Boateng, from Michael Ray Dibdin Heseltine to Robin Finkelson Cook, from Jack Whitaker Straw to Kenneth Wilfred Baker, from Alan McKenzie Clark to Ian Hedworth Gilmore.

Somewhat, a middle name is a secret door to one's true personality. Lady Thatcher, for instance, has always been more a Hilda than a Margaret. My own particular favourite, each of whose middle names carries a peculiar resonance, is Virginia Hilda Brunette Maxwell Bottomley.

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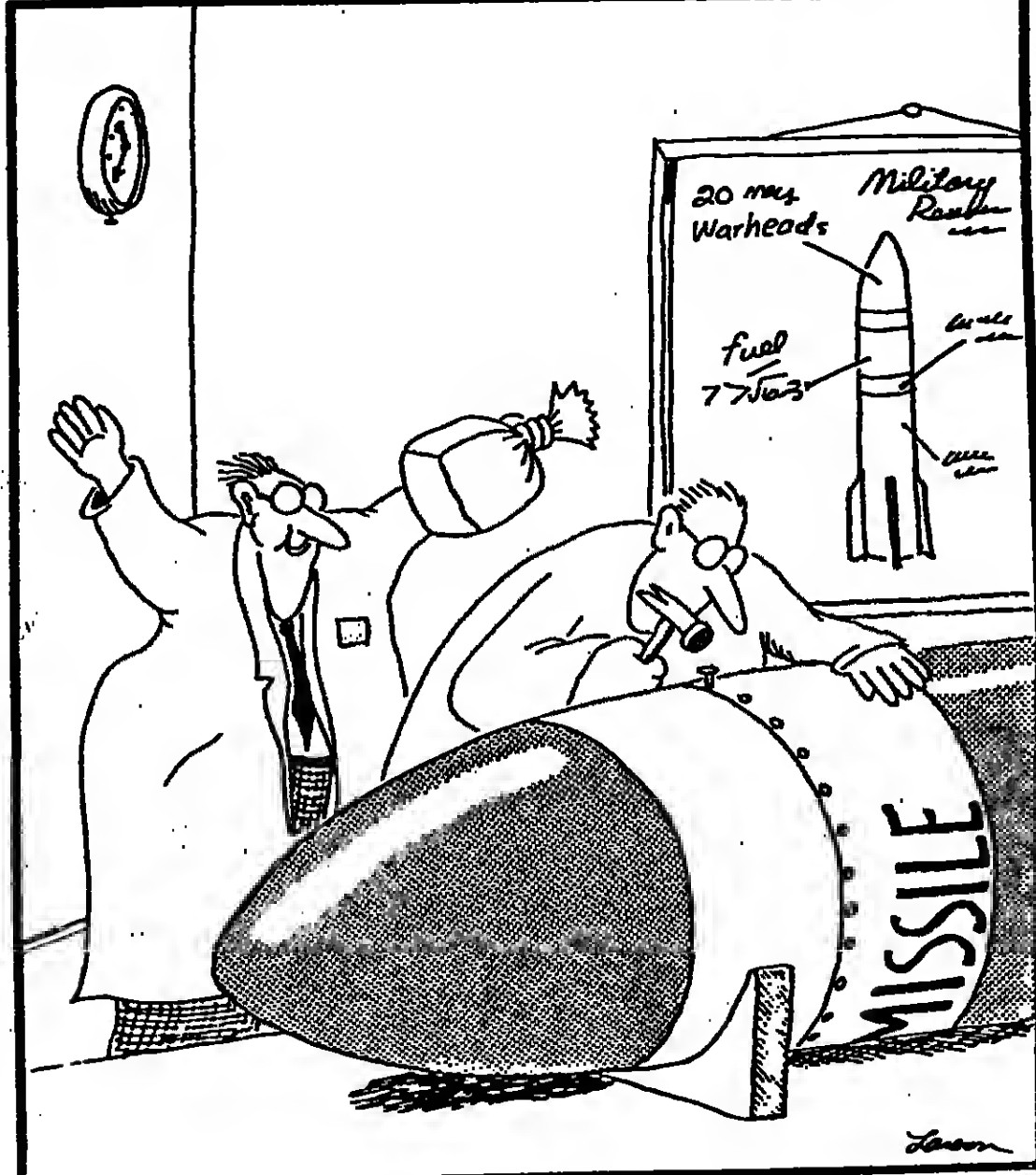
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Major sets up task forces to cut out business red tape

By MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN Whitehall task forces have been created to cut down the jungle of red tape which is smothering British business. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, announced yesterday.

The red tape initiative, the first to systematically examine the entire corpus of 7,000 rules regulating business activity in Britain, should lead to the demise of layers of unnecessary bureaucracy, which range from rules specifying the distance between clothes pegs in changing rooms to requirements for factory walls to be washed every 14 months.

The initiative follows a two-hour seminar at Downing Street yesterday, chaired by John Major, in which Whitehall mandarins conceded that previous attempts to tame bureaucracy had run into the sand and that a fresh assault was needed.

The seven task forces will cover:

- ☐ Food, drink and agriculture.
- ☐ Communications and transport.
- ☐ Engineering.
- ☐ Construction.
- ☐ Chemicals and pharmaceuticals.
- ☐ Financial services.
- ☐ The tourism and retail sectors.

Each Whitehall department will be required to submit progress reports to Mr Major

and Mr Heseltine every eight weeks, and the entire exercise will be overseen by Neil Hamilton, the industry minister.

Defending the red tape initiative, Mr Heseltine said: "There is general agreement across governments that the time has come to weed out the sort of regulation which is over-bureaucratic and places excessive burdens on business and the public. It is not enough to single out a group of conspicuous regulations. We intend to go back over the whole range in detail," he said.

The aim of the exercise is to make the regulations simpler and to abolish them where necessary. The initiative will also include a thorough appraisal of European Community legislation to help to reduce the regulatory burden, which is particularly onerous for small businesses.

With the cost of enforcing the 7,000 regulations running at more than £1 billion a year, there is growing concern that the costs of regulation are in danger of becoming disproportionate to their benefits. Existing regulations which are found to be excessively bureaucratic would be replaced by simpler ones, Mr Heseltine said.

Many regulations were inspired by consumer lobbies which did not have to worry

about the cost of implementing them, Mr Heseltine said. In future, any new regulations would have to be fully costed before they were submitted to Parliament, he added.

Others regulations are prompted by the excessive zeal of Whitehall bureaucrats. In one case, for example, trade and industry officials implementing an EC directive, prohibited charity shops from selling second-hand toys on safety grounds, although Brussels had made no mention of such a prohibition.

Mr Major's red tape seminar coincides with the publication of a report on excessive bureaucracy by David Willets, the Conservative MP for Havant. The report warns that "regulation may have as damaging an impact on the economy as higher spending and taxing."

Mr Willets insists that the regulatory burden on business has been increasing steadily since the 1980s, and that there is now a "serious obstacle to creating a flexible, dynamic economy".

Forcing British Rail to spend £200 million a year on new safety measures for minuscule improvements in safety when the same amount of money spent on the National Health Service could save more lives was an affront to commonsense, Mr Willets said.



Dialling tone: Baroness Thatcher launching the Maastricht plebiscite yesterday

Ministers and whips keep tradition alive

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The legislative process in this country is unsatisfactory and has been for a long time. It produces too many hastily considered and ill-drafted measures which later have to be revised. More than 143 acts affecting local government in England and Wales were, for example, approved between 1979 and 1992, including 58 major ones, several of which repealed previous measures.

The legal profession, local government, business and interest groups, as well as many civil servants, have endorsed the criticisms in yesterday's comprehensive new report from the Hansard Society. Similar points were made in several studies in the first half of the 1970s and there have been only small changes since.

The main blockage has been the attitudes of ministers and the whips of both main parties, who are fearful of losing control over the operations of Parliament. This is a question of process, not policy. The criticisms apply as much to cross-party measures such as the Children's and Charities Acts (both now seen as defective in parts) as to the bitterly fought poll tax legislation. The difficulty is the culture of Whitehall, which views the passage of legislation as like a military operation in which only the minimum is given away. Both front benches regard the detailed debates in standing committees as largely a charade; ministers claim a victory when they preserve a bill unamended, while the Opposition celebrates when it has clocked up a large number of hours.

The Hansard Society report makes many eminently sensible suggestions for opening up the legislative process from conception to enactment, increasing consultation at all stages—while also warning about the inadequacy of scrutiny of EC legislation. But do these proposals have any better chance of being implemented than earlier ones? Some build on existing initiatives such as green papers and the

circulation of draft clauses by the Inland Revenue.

The omens are less good for the proposals affecting Parliament. At the heart of the report is an explicit deal: the government would permit greater scrutiny but would have the assurance that bills would be passed thanks to formal timetables limiting debate. Such ideas have been floated but have foundered on the reluctance of Opposition whips to surrender their largely theoretical right to delay measures and government dislike of public debate.

There are few signs of radicalism among party business managers. Tony Newton has proved to be an excessively cautious Commons Leader. Richard Ryder is preoccupied with Maastricht, and the Labour whips' office is notably conservative. But even if such far-reaching changes were agreed, could Parliament cope?

Reform would mean extra work for all kinds of Commons committees, existing and special, even if fewer measures might later have to be revised. That would, in practice, add to the burden already placed on a minority of MPs. Once 170 or so ministers, whips and their shadows are excluded, much of the work of the Commons is done by at most 200 to 250 or so backbenchers. The rest are too old, too idle, too maverick or too preoccupied with their constituencies or outside business interests to play an active part.

The trouble with proposals like those from the Hansard Society, to strengthen the powers and role of Parliament, is that they take too idealistic a view of what MPs can, and want, to do. Most see themselves primarily as party politicians and ministerial aspirants. Only a minority regard themselves as legislators and champions of Parliament.

PETER RIDDELL

Thatcher dials 'No' for democracy

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher launched a telephone referendum on the Maastricht treaty yesterday, saying it was unthinkable that the people should not have their say on a matter of deep constitutional significance.

At a Westminster press conference with referendum supporters from the other main political parties, the former prime minister tried hard to be scrupulously unbiased as she invited people to say "Yes" to Maastricht on 0891 335501 or "No" on 0891 335502. As the lines were opened she made the first call — to the latter number.

There were flashes of vintage Thatcher as she crushed a hapless reporter who had the gall to ask her why she had not called a referendum on the Single European Act.

Attempts to encourage her to attack the government appeared doomed as Lady Thatcher exhibited unusual caution. But it was when she was asked why John Major was so opposed to a referendum that the guard dropped. "Perhaps you had better ask him," she said. "He had a very good predecessor — you have to ask whether the treaty would have been the same."

In an unprecedented move, a company named Telephone Referendum Ltd has been formed to conduct a plebiscite using BT's premium rate service.

Great constitutional issues were often subject to referendums, Lady Thatcher said, urging people to "dial for democracy".

Bryan Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet over Maastricht, was happy to make common cause with Lady Thatcher. He said: "It would be a constitutional outrage if Parliament were to cede the power of self-government to another body without consulting the people."

Calcutt calls time at 'last-chance saloon'

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR David Calcutt, head of the review into regulation of the press, urged the government yesterday to impose statutory controls on newspapers and not to give them a further "last chance" to improve their behaviour.

Giving evidence to the Commons heritage committee, Sir David insisted that, after an endless succession of last chances to make self-regulation work, the newspaper industry's "bluff" had to be called. "If the government goes down the route it has indicated I fear we are in danger of having an even weaker Press Complaints Commission because, they will have no sanction worth the name."

Later, under pressure from MPs, Sir David added: "If Parliament says we will give you one last chance and goes on and on saying that, the press will understand that you do not really mean it."

Sir David carried out his review into how the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) was working after David Mellor, the former heritage secretary, said that the press was drinking in the "last-chance saloon".

However, Sir David found himself under criticism from MPs for basing his recommendations largely on press coverage of public figures, particularly the royal family.

Bryan Davies (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab), said: "It looks all the time as if the bust-up with the press is with other drinkers in the sal-

oon, namely public figures who are mixing it with the press a fair amount themselves." Gerald Kaufman, the committee chairman, rebuked members of the PCC for making "absolute fools of themselves" over the Sunday Times serialisation of Andrew Morton's book on the Princess of Wales, which turned out to be a "highly accurate account".

Sir David criticised newspapers for attacking everything in his report and looked at his recommendations which could be acted on to increase public confidence in the commission. Claims that genuine investigative reporting would be fettered had been "wildly overstated" by the press. The proposed power to fine offending publications would be used only in extreme cases, he predicted. But it was necessary for the statutory tribunal, which he recommended, to have the power "to bite".



Calcutt: giving his evidence yesterday

Reform of law-making urged

By PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

GOVERNMENTS should accept greater scrutiny of proposed legislation, by MPs and the public, says the non-party Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government. In return, there should be time limits on debates in Parliament to ensure that bills will not be stalled indefinitely by the consultation process.

The proposal is among the far-reaching changes in the legislative process recommended by a commission of the Hansard Society, chaired by Lord Rippon of Hexham, the former Tory cabinet minister. The report highlights the concern of industry, the pro-

fessions, local government and interest groups about the inadequate way in which statute law is prepared, drafted, passed and published.

The central theme of the recommendations — some of which are modelled on practice in Australia and New Zealand — is that there should be the most open possible consultation of interested parties at every stage.

Parliament should play a greater part by holding pre-legislative enquiries into the preparation of bills, and evidence-taking sessions after their publication. More information should be made pub-

licly available. Minimum intervals between stages of bills should be increased.

The commission also suggests, in an important legal innovation, that notes on sections of acts and statutory instruments should be allowed to be used by the courts as an aid to understanding. It recommends a two-year legislative programme to allow greater time for drafting bills.

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Atlantic alliance drifts into a fog of misunderstandings



FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

GATT TALKS IN JEOPARDY

Washington and Europe are divided on strategy for Bosnia. The Clinton camp is upsetting old friends even more over trade

SITTING at an ambassador's dinner table here recently, a distinguished American newspaper columnist tried to discover how Europe's governments are coming to terms with Bill Clinton's new administration in Washington. He was astonished to discover that "Europe" was not making plans to intervene in Bosnia and all known planning is fragmentary and national. He was startled to find his European fellow guests more preoccupied with arguing about looming transatlantic trade wars of which he had never heard. "I don't think that trade issues are really lit up on this administration's radar right now," he said carefully.

In Europe's capitals the depth of the new mutual misunderstanding across the Atlantic is beginning to sink in. As the Cold War ended and did away with the common enemy of communism, many commentators sensed that the relationship would profoundly change. President Bush's patient and affable preoccupation with Europe left the balance unaltered, but after less than a fortnight in office Mr Clinton's officials are cool towards Europe on the key foreign policy issue of the moment and are looking for a fight on trade.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, has dropped a heavy and divisive hint that he would like to break the Franco-British monopoly of United Nations Security Council seats and include Germany. Mr Christopher is openly sceptical about the European Community-UN plan for a carve-up of Bosnia. His officials speculate cheerfully that America may yet use force in the Balkans where Europeans have feared to tread.

Mickey Kantor, President Clinton's trade representative, has hit European firms with sanctions in two disputes: first steel, and then on public contracts for telecommunications, transport and energy. The steel dispute was expected, irrespective of any decisions by the incoming Washington administration, but the public procurement embargo announced yesterday by Mr Kantor pre-empted his first meeting with Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's new trade commissioner, set for February 11. "I can't believe that Kantor's done this now," one astonished EC official said last night. "We haven't even met him yet."

Good transatlantic relations are not a "luxury for Europe" but essential for both parties, the ever eloquent Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, says several times a week. Mr Hurd's private judgment on transatlantic relations was described by one official as: "Quite a few black clouds in the sky, but not necessarily a downpour."

British officials hope that Mr Clinton will recoil from sending troops to Bosnia. "Look at the reaction in the States when one sergeant was killed by duty brigades in Somalia," said one official. "Then just imagine what happens if you have 5,000 marines in Bosnia who get used for target practice." European Commission officials close to the strained contacts between Sir Leon and Mr Kantor whisper that the American trade team do not yet display much mastery of the issues. The Americans are "sabre-rattling", Sir Leon said yesterday.

However experienced the individuals, the Clinton team's collective instincts seem quite clear. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) world trade talks in Geneva are drifting, deprived of any real political drive and blown hither and thither by fresh quarrels over rice, cloth, patents, tariffs and the intricate paraphernalia designed to boost global trade. The president will have to ask Congress for a new "fast track" negotiating authority for the talks, since he is now clear that they cannot be ended before the White House's current mandate expires on March 1.

The signal Europe's negotiators await is the duration of the new authority. If Mr Clinton asks for a short renewal of a few months, he may believe that a trade deal can be rapidly clinched on foundations already agreed. If he requests a one or two-year extension, Congress will rewrite the president's objectives in the talks and turn the clock back months and perhaps years. The GATT talks are already more than six years old. Mr Kantor's body language suggests that the end is still a long way off.

Clinton's measures heighten EC unease over long-term policy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE Clinton administration has fired the first salvoes in what could lead to a deepening chill in the already hostile trade relations between America and Europe. Last week's American trade clampdown on European steel imports and Monday's ban on access to American federal procurement markets amounts less to a trade policy U-turn than to unfortunate timing. It is also testimony of the birth pains of an administration which has yet to come to terms with the intricacies of trade policy. More worryingly, it does not appear to have decided what its overall trade policy is going to be.

On Monday Mickey Kantor, the new US trade representative, announced a ban of European companies from American federal procurement contracts in telecommunications and power generation equipment and a wide range of services. The ban will become effective from March 22, unless the two sides can settle the dispute. The decision came only a few days after Washington imposed anti-dumping duties on European steel imports.

Apart from provoking a predictable furious reaction from Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's external trade commissioner, the decision will add to the uncertainty surrounding the stalled world trade talks. Negotiations to resolve outstanding issues in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) face a statutory deadline of March 2 to allow the American government to present the agreement for ratification as a package deal.

Yesterday, the European Commission sought to head off a confrontation with the Clinton administration over the sanctions, but foreign and trade ministers meeting in Brussels expressed their "grave concern" at the action, which they said had "no justification whatsoever".

Before resorting to any retaliation at such a sensitive moment in transatlantic relations, the ministers decided to await the outcome of Sir Leon's trip to Washington on February 11 to meet Mr Kantor. The ministers were well aware that a protracted trade dispute with Washington could scupper all hopes of a new world trade agreement.

In stark contrast to the EC's approach, Washington adopted a far less conciliatory tone. Mr Kantor faxed a message to Brussels in which he described the EC's policy on public procurement as "intolerable". He said: "This European-wide policy of discrimination against non-EC producers stands in stark contrast to the open and non-discriminatory access their firms enjoy in selling to our predominantly private utilities market."

Despite the tough-sounding trade measures, which the Clinton administration has taken during its first days in office, there remain considerable doubts in Washington as well as in Brussels over the wider policy implications: whether they signal a meaningful departure of policy or whether they would have happened anyway under whichever administration.

Officials at the office of the US trade representative also appear to be baffled by all this recent activity. They pointed out yesterday that, given that the administration is less than two weeks old, there can as yet be no public pronouncement on the nature and direction of future policy.

Kim Elliott, a trade analyst at the Institute for International Economics, said that "both decisions [on steel and utilities] were put in place by the Bush administration. The retaliation looks relatively modest, and is probably similar to what [former trade representative Carla] Hills would have done". She added that the real

problem does not rest with these decisions, but with the continued uncertainty over the new administration's policy stance in the various multilateral trade talks.

Despite the EC's benevolent approach at this stage, President Clinton's future trade policy will remain torn between conflicting commitments, including his pledge to reach agreement on GATT and the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) on the one hand, and the need to satisfy the demand from industry and the unions, which are calling for a clampdown on "unfair" foreign imports, on the other. His administration faces the additional problem of the GATT deadline, which leaves little time for negotiation and even less for coming to terms with the complexity of the issue.

The relative modesty, as it is perceived in Washington, of Monday's clampdown on the European utility industry is itself testimony to the administration's attempt to find a middle way. The decision will have a small economic impact, affecting trade worth less than \$50 million (£35 million), according to American government estimates.

There is mounting pressure, too, from other industries. Last week the US Treasury instigated a review on the tariffs on the imports of mini-vans, which free-traders fear might set in motion a series of trade measures in the motor vehicle industry, possibly culminating in anti-dumping duties or a European-style self-restraint agreement, for Japanese cars.

With his pledge to make the economy the number one priority area for his administration, Mr Clinton can ill-afford to ignore the pleas of American industry. Nevertheless, there can be little doubt that the new administration will prove to be a tough trade negotiator.

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Future imperfect: the Clinton administration's imposition of tariffs on European steel imports has dismayed the Continent's troubled steelmakers and may even force Germany's great manufacturing conglomerates, including Krupp and Thyssen, to pull out of the industry altogether

STEEL

German industry succumbs to gloom

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN FRANKFURT

THE duties that America has imposed on steel imports could prove the final straw for Germany's steelmakers. Germany, Europe's biggest steelmaker, is facing deepening economic gloom and fears that even great names of the industry — Krupp and Thyssen — might be forced to pull out of steel. Krupp has denied reports that it might be driven to seek court protection from its creditors concerning its loss-making steel activities.

Krupp last year merged with the steelmaker Hoesch in an attempt to secure its survival in a deteriorating environment for steel. However, the merged company suffered record losses in steel of about DM500 million (£210 million). It wants to cut 8,000 jobs and must close blast furnaces and rolling mills in the Ruhr. Asked how long he thought Krupp-Hoesch could survive, Gerhard Cromme, the chairman of the management board, was quoted this week as saying: "Half a year or a year or maybe 18 months."

West Germany's largely private sector steelmakers produced 41 million tonnes of crude steel in 1989. By last year this had fallen to 36.7 million. The workforce has more than halved since 1974.

Thyssen, the biggest of Germany's steelmakers, has also threatened to withdraw from some of its core steel operations. Heinz Kriwet, the management board chairman, last week described the situation in his industry as catastrophic. Thyssen's net profit fell 33 per cent last year. Herr Kriwet said that without political action to stem the losses in the European steel industry, there would be a limit to what companies could tolerate.

Most of the pain of reducing capacity in Germany would be felt in the Ruhr, the traditional industrial heartland, but lesser steelmaking regions, including the Saarland and Bavaria, would also be affected.

Open-minded LA lawyer wins brief to solve trade problem

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MICKEY Kantor was President Clinton's last cabinet appointment, but as US trade representative he might be one of the most important. As much as anyone, he will determine whether America will champion free trade over the next four years or veer towards a protectionism that could ultimately divide the world into rival trading blocs.

There was no shortage of candidates for the job. Mr Clinton could have appointed his old friend Robert Reich, the new labour secretary, a passionate free trader who argues that America must invest in its people and infrastructure to remain competitive. Or he could have named Laura D'Andrea Tyson, now his chief economic adviser, who takes the opposite tack in advocating government support for strategic American industries.

In the end the president chose Mr Kantor, not for his views on trade issues but his lack of them. The Los Angeles lawyer, 53, has no international trade experience. He is a cool, clever, tenacious

negotiator, capable of bridging seemingly intractable positions. He has Mr Clinton's full confidence and will be the man who weighs the conflicting pressures before formulating policy.

Mr Kantor is hard to pin down politically. He began his professional life as a poverty lawyer helping migrant farm workers, has helped numerous liberal Democratic candidates, and served under Warren Christopher, now Secretary of State, on the commission that investigated last year's Los Angeles riots.

As a millionaire partner of one of the leading law firms in Los Angeles, he has, however, been a leading advocate for corporate America, representing the tobacco company Philip Morris in its battle against no-smoking ordinances and Occidental Petroleum when it wanted to drill off California's coast.

Mr Kantor became a close friend and confidant of the Clintons after serving with Hillary Clinton on the Carter administration's Legal Services Corporation. He flew at short notice to New Hampshire last January to rescue Mr Clinton's candidacy after the Gemitter Flowers allegations and became campaign chairman.

His style alienated some of Mr Clinton's campaign staff, who lobbied against him after the election, claiming he had improperly briefed clients on Mr Clinton's policies. He was not given a leading transition job and was passed over as White House chief of staff, but regained ground by organising Mr Clinton's successful Little Rock economic summit.

Like the president, Mr Kantor has suffered adversity. His first wife died in a 1978 plane crash, and ten years later his teenage son was killed in a Santa Monica car crash. He has since married a former television news correspondent, his other passion being baseball.

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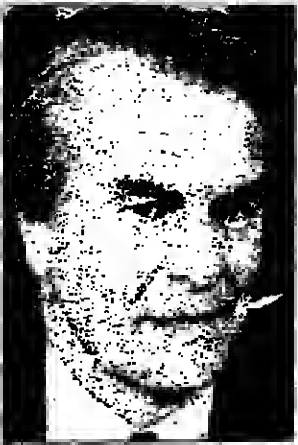
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Aid workers accuse Croats of halting food supplies to Muslim allies

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS
IN MOSTAR

CROATIAN forces are trying to choke off the supply of food to Muslim civilians in Bosnia-Herzegovina as Serbian fighters extend "ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslav republic, relief workers said yesterday.

One relief official at Mostar, the capital of the self-styled Croatian statelet of Hercegovina, said: "The Croats are systematically stopping private lorries carrying food into the mountains if they have Muslim drivers and are rerouting them."

In one instance, at the Hercegovina border at Metkovic, Croatian forces had shot up the back of a lorry carrying food for the Muslim Red Crescent relief organization. "They said they were testing to see if there was ammunition inside."

Sources said that Croatian police at Metkovic also tried unsuccessfully recently to stop United Nations convoys accompanied by Spanish peacekeepers passing through, claiming it was too dangerous.

Yesterday, in an artillery barrage near Mostar, a UN relief convoy was shelled and one person was killed, a UN

spokesman said, adding that another member of the convoy was seriously wounded. Veso Vigar, spokesman for the Bosnian Croat militia command in Mostar, said nine shells rained down on the UNHCR convoy, killing a translator with a direct hit and seriously wounding the Danish convoy leader. Croatian radio and military spokesmen blamed the attack on Serb irregulars.

Croatian leaders in Mostar deny they are hindering relief efforts. "There are no problems with the international relief agencies. It is not true," said Jadranko Prlic, the presi-

dent of the Croatian-supported army within Bosnia-Herzegovina, the HVO.

But relief workers say officials of the Hercegovina government are putting pressure on international relief organizations to prevent them distributing food through the Muslim relief agencies Meharmet and the Red Crescent.

"They are trying to control the assistance, which means that we cannot decide who we give the aid to," one worker said. "We do not accept that. If it does not stop we will pull out."

The problems began last month when Muslim fighters

at Gornji Vakuf clashed with units of the HVO. On January 10, Muslim drivers working on contract for the UN were prevented from transporting food for five days. Observers say the fighting between the former allies was encouraged by the Geneva peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina, which would divide the former Yugoslav republic into 10 semi-autonomous provinces.

Croatian leaders were delighted with the map outlined in the plan put forward by co-chairmen of the peace talks, Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, which would give Croatian forces formal control of

mixed areas such as Mostar, where about half the population is Muslim and half of it Croat, and Travnik, where there is an overwhelming majority of Muslims.

Relief workers also are concerned about the treatment of Muslims who fled to Croatian-dominated areas after Serbian "ethnic cleansing". "The Muslim refugees are not accepted. They just give them public buildings where there is no hygiene, no facilities to receive human beings properly," one said.

Meanwhile, relief workers said they had received persistent reports that thousands of

Muslims were being forcibly removed from their homes by Serb forces at Trebinje in the southernmost tip of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Reports reaching us say that all Muslims have left Trebinje. Estimates range from 2,000 to 4,000. They are being put on buses and taken to Montenegro," the sources said, citing reports reaching Dubrovnik and accounts from relatives of those who had been moved.

"There is no open violence, but people receive threats to leave and are made to sign papers renouncing their property."

Atrocity reports add to uphill struggle for Bosnia peace plans

BY MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON AND
EVE-ANN PRENTICE

LORD Owen, the European Community mediator in the Bosnian conflict, yesterday stepped up pressure on the Clinton administration to back his peace plan after failing to win a commitment from Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, during a Monday night meeting in New York.

Saying Mr Christopher had been "cagey", Lord Owen accepted that Washington's new administration needed time to formulate its policies, but added: "We have got to remember there's a war going on. Every day more people are being killed. Every day there's more 'ethnic cleansing'."

Lord Owen's latest attempts to win support for the plan formulated with Cyrus Vance came amid fresh allegations of atrocities in Bosnia. Harrowing descriptions of castrated, mass murder and rape have been given by survivors of two prison camps in northern Bosnia. Camp officials accused of brutality have been identified and their names presented to the United Nations team investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

The vivid and chilling claims, along with scenes of burnt-out Muslim homes, are likely to prompt outrage and calls for more Western intervention in Bosnia when they are broadcast by the *Dispatches* programme on Channel 4 today. The allegations are made by Bosnian Muslims now living in exile in Croatia and across Europe, who say they were victims of Serb "ethnic cleansing" in the Kozara valley near Prijedor last year.

One of the men incarcerated in the Omarska and Trnopolj camps said he watched as his friend was castrated by a Serb "after three days of torture". Another, now living in Watford, said some of the guards "enjoyed killing people slowly. They broke their hands, their

Lord Owen is underlining Serb losses in his peace plan to try to sell the deal to a reluctant White House

legs, everything. One school-teacher took ten days to die, killed by some of his former pupils."

A former waiter, Nazdž Jakupovic, 24, told *The Times* yesterday: "They beat everyone, old and young, for no reason. They beat me especially hard because I was a soldier in the Bosnian army and I would not tell them where my gun was or who else was fighting with me." Mr Jakupovic, who now lives in a hostel in Watford, said he knew one of the Serbs whom he says attacked him. "He came to the hospital where I was taken and tried to kill me with a dagger. A military policeman from the Serbian army stopped him and saved my life."

The *Dispatches* programme names Zelko Meakic, the commander of the guards at Omarska camp, as among those guilty of atrocities there, along with Drazenko Predojevic and a guard known as Krkan.

In the United States, Lord Owen claimed American equivocation was "stalling" the peace negotiations. He added that the Bosnian Muslims were still hoping America might supply them with arms or intervene militarily.

"I know that the Western world, the US and Europe, for right or wrong, are not going to intervene, and it's an illusion to hold out in front of the Muslims. They're not going to do it and therefore we've got to get a settlement," he said.

The Clinton administration has serious reservations about backing a plan that would divide Bosnia-Herzegovina into ten ethnic enclaves, reward Serbian "ethnic cleansing" with territorial gains, and

require thousands of troops to enforce. A *Washington Post* editorial said yesterday that, far from promising an enduring peace, the plan "raises a vision of a larger and more violent Lebanon".

Lord Owen acknowledged that American troops would have to be deployed on the ground as part of a Nato operation to police the settlement, though in much smaller numbers than the roughly 25,000 Washington dispatched to Somalia. He also agreed the plan involved "military compromises". However, he argued that it would deprive the Serbs of 24 per cent of their territorial gains in Bosnia and there was no precedent for a victorious fighting force surrendering so much.

The rump Yugoslavia meanwhile said it could be drawn into open conflict with Croatia if the republic persisted in its attack on the Serb-held Krajina enclave. Ilija Djukic, the foreign minister, said in a letter to the UN Security Council that Yugoslavia had an obligation and a right to protect Serbs in UN-protected areas in Croatia.

In Paris, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, proposed the whole of Bosnia-Herzegovina should be placed under UN mandate for several years. Writing in the newspaper *Le Monde*, M Giscard said the UN should appoint a high commissioner entrusted with confiscating heavy weapons, disarming militias and ensuring day-to-day security.

Ron Redmond, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Geneva yesterday that 2,000 Muslims had been forced by extremists to leave their homes in the Serb-held town of Trebinje in the past two weeks. The area in southern Bosnia is one of those that would be handed to the Serbs under the Owen-Vance plan. A Bosnian official said the Serbs were "enthusiastically implementing" the peace plan before even signing it.

Mr Redmond said, however, that Muslims were not the only victims of the Bosnian war. Up to 12,000 Serbs had been displaced by a Muslim military offensive in eastern Bosnia between mid-December and mid-January. They accused the Muslims of torture and other human rights abuses.

UN sources yesterday hinted that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, may be allowed to visit America if he is invited by Mr Vance or Lord Owen to sign a peace deal. The Bush administration, which said Or Karadzic was suspected of war crimes, had kept him out of the country.



Comrades in arms: Nikolai Osovitsky is reunited with his former commander, Semyon Gushchenko, after they recognised each other at ceremonies in Volgograd yesterday to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Russian victory over the Germans at the battle of Stalingrad, former

name of the city. President Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday exchanged messages vowing to banish war from Europe (Amatol Lieven writes from Moscow). The ceremonies in Volgograd attended by Aleksandr Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, and

Russian Khasbulatov, the parliamentary speaker, and thousands of veterans, were held on the Mamayev Kurgan hill, which is dominated by a statue symbolising Mother Russia. The German ambassador laid a wreath. The Soviet army lost 1.1 million men in the battle; 800,000

Germans died. Stalingrad was where, in the words of the novelist Vasilii Grossman, himself a war correspondent in the battle, "a steel-clad Russia turned its face towards the West" and began the march to Berlin and the destruction of the Third Reich.

Clinton targets workshy

BY IAN BRODIE

PRESIDENT Clinton reset his political compass yesterday to lead him back to one of his most popular election themes, halting welfare for those who refuse to work.

Mr Clinton's pledge to "end welfare as we know it" was always a hit with campaign audiences and yesterday he reaffirmed his ideas for welfare reform at a Washington meeting of the nation's governors. He announced the formation of a task force to develop his plan for providing two years of job training and education for those on welfare. After that, the able-bodied would have to take a job.

The scheme would set "a time beyond which people do not draw a welfare cheque for doing nothing when they can do something". Exceptions would be made for women with new-born children, but the aim is to get even mothers off the welfare rolls. The president claims broad support for the plan.

Los Angeles trials spark fears of renewed racial explosion

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE first instalment of the Rodney King epic is seared on America's conscience: the grim and grainy footage of a sprawled black motorist beaten 57 times by white policemen with batons, the state trial and acquittal of the four officers last April, the grand finale when Los Angeles erupted in fire, hatred and murder.

Today, as the second, federal trial of the four accused policemen begins, America is awaiting a sequel already titled "Rodney King II" on the streets of south-central Los Angeles. The theme is the same, but the cast and plot are subtly changed. In the first trial, Mr King appeared only on the 81 seconds of amateur videotape footage that brought his beating to the eyes of a horrified public. In the federal trial, however, Mr King will play a central role in the witness box and his evidence is likely to be controversial and crucial.

The legal script has also altered. In the state trial,

exactly a year ago, prosecutors had to prove only that the four police officers assaulted Mr King on March 3, 1991. They failed, and the vastly more difficult task now facing federal prosecutors is to prove that the officers intentionally deprived Mr King of his civil rights. They must persuade another jury that the police not only used excessive force, but also that they knew they were doing it. Simply finding an unbiased jury in the city may take weeks.

A recent poll found that 75 per cent of Americans believe another riot is inevitable if the officers are again allowed to walk free. A lawyer for one of the accused pointed out last week a central fact about the second trial: there is, he said, "a strong possibility that civil insurrection may result in the event of a verdict not to the liking of the majority".

Last April, with the acrid stench of burning in the air, the government promised to rebuild Los Angeles so that a

repetition of the riots could not and would not happen. The city now has a black chief of police, a new district attorney and no fewer than 52 candidates for mayor, all promising a new dawn for the city. In most respects, however, the city is no better and, in some ways, it is worse off than it was last April.

The second trial has, in addition, an almost equally emotive sub-plot: next month the trial begins of the three black men accused of savagely beating Reginald Denny, a white lorry driver, during the riots. Inevitably, the three accused have taken on a symbolic, even heroic, role in the eyes of some inhabitants of the Los Angeles ghetto.

Both trials are likely to last until April and could even arrive at simultaneous verdicts. If, as seems only too possible, the white officers are again acquitted but the black men are found guilty, the combination could easily trigger another, even greater explosion.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Armenian leader is dismissed

Moscow: Khosrov Arutunyan, prime minister of Armenia, was dismissed yesterday by President Ter-Petrosian after he criticised the government economic programme publicly (Amatol Lieven writes).

The dispute comes amid growing economic desperation in the republic, crippled by the war with neighbouring Azerbaijan and the disruption or blockade of supply routes.

Pope to Benin

Rome: The Pope arrives in Africa today, visiting Benin, where he will meet practitioners of voodoo, Uganda and Sudan. His journey comes seven months after surgeons operated on him to remove a large intestinal tumour.

Volcano erupts

Manila: Mayon volcano in the Philippines has erupted, killing at least 15 people and injuring 41. Officials said five people were missing presumed dead, including two Germans and an Israeli.

Haiti protest

Miami: Dante Caputo, a United Nations special envoy returning to Haiti as part of an effort to reinstate exiled President Aristide, was met by demonstrators protesting against Father Aristide's return.

Villa searched

Rome: Police were searching a villa on the outskirts of Palermo for what they believe was the last hideout of Salvatore "Totò" Riina, the Mafia boss. The villa is near where Signor Riina was arrested last month.

Greek drought

Athens: With only 53 days' water reserves after Greece's worst drought in 100 years, drastic water-saving measures have been announced for Athens and Piraeus.

Havel sworn in

Prague: Vaclav Havel, who led Czechoslovakia's "velvet revolution" in 1989, took the oath as first president of the Czech Republic. (Reuters)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ONE SPECIAL AND FOUR REGIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MILK MARKETING BOARD - 1993

The Milk Marketing Board hereby announces as follows:

1. The Board have determined the retirement date for 1993 as midnight on Tuesday, 27 July 1993.

2. One Special Member of the Board and one Regional Member for each of the Northern, West Midlands, North Wales and Far-Western Regions have to be elected.

3. The Board are prepared to receive nominations of candidates for these elections. Such nominations must be received by the Board at the Board's offices at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 March 1993.

4. Every person so nominated as a candidate for election as a Special or Regional Member of the Board must deposit with the Secretary of the Board not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 March 1993, the sum of £200. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Special Member of the Board unless he or she has been nominated as a candidate either by resolution of the Board or in writing by at least four fully registered producers.

5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for an English Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region.

6. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for a Welsh Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region.

7. A person may not be a candidate for election as a Special Member and as a Regional Member at the same time.

8. A candidate may withdraw from his or her candidature by a written notice to the effect provided it is delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 March 1993.

9. Any election literature issued by or on behalf of a candidate should bear the name and address of the person issuing it and the name of the candidate on whose behalf it is issued.

10. NOTE: Candidates in the Special Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (in contested elections) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all producers at a cost to each candidate of £500.

Candidates in Regional Board Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (in contested elections) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all producers in the relevant Region, at a cost to each candidate of £100.

Candidates who wish to avail themselves of these services must submit a copy of the election address to the Secretary of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, so that it and the relevant fee are received by him not later than Monday, 22 March 1993. If advance notice of an intention to make use of the service can be given it will be administratively most helpful.

Broccoli returns to smoke-free White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SMOKING is out and broccoli, forbidden by George Bush, is back again at the White House.

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, feel that by instituting the smoking ban they can set an example to Americans. "The big issue about health is so paramount to me that I don't think we should permit smoking," Mrs Clinton told *The New York Times*.

There were no ashtrays at the Clintons' first formal dinner on Sunday and from now on anyone wanting to smoke will have to step outdoors. Barbara Bush disapproved of smoking but the Bushes never imposed a White House ban.

Mr Bush managed to keep broccoli off White House menus after confessing to having disliked it since childhood. The Clintons, however,

are trying to eat more "healthy, fresh, American food", said Mrs Clinton, and that means a reprieve for broccoli and an end to the French-style menus that were a feature of state banquets. They eat plenty of vegetables, fibre and fruit, Mrs Clinton said. What about all the burgers Mr Clinton is supposed to consume? "He gets an unfair rap," she said. "An occasional trip to a fast-food restaurant is not the worst of all possible sins."

A typical Clinton family meal, brimming with health, might consist of grilled chicken breasts, steamed fresh vegetables, rice, a green salad, fruit and iced tea.

The Clintons are thinking of new ways to open up the White House to the public. "Ordinary Americans" and their children could be chosen, perhaps by lotteries, to

attend meetings with the president, followed by a meal and a White House tour.

The interview, given on condition that it covered only household duties, was plainly intended to soften the impression created by her appointment to take charge of health reform. The message was that she would not be a hard-hitting executive who would forsake the First Lady's traditional role as White House hostess, wife and mother.

One White House show has closed after only eight performances. George Stephanopoulos, chief spokesman, has stopped live broadcasts of his daily press briefings. They were attracting high ratings, but more for stormy exchanges with reporters than their success in getting out the administration's message.



Healthy living: Hillary Clinton, who says there are plenty of steamed vegetables on the family menu

Rabin under fire at home as deportees spurn compromise

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was yesterday still bogged down by the enduring saga of the Palestinian deportees after his compromise offer was rejected by the exiles and he was criticised at home for weakness.

After the Israeli leader offered to repatriate a quarter of the nearly 400 Palestinians stuck in a snowy camp site between Israeli and Lebanese positions, the deportees yesterday voted unanimously to reject his compromise.

"Let he who rejects the American-Israeli deal raise his hands," said Abdul Aziz al-Rantisi, the leader of the 396 deportees, expelled nearly seven weeks ago because of suspected links to militant Muslim groups. When all the men had raised their hands, he said: "Let he who agrees to this deal now raise his hand." None of the deportees stirred, but instead began their prayers by asking God to punish the Israeli leader. "God take our revenge on those who expelled us. God punish Rabin."

A similar, though less explicit, message was directed at the Israeli leader by his own right-wing opposition and members of the security services, who issued a warning that the concession amounted to a humiliating climbdown and could strengthen Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the fundamentalist Islamic groups in the occupied territories.

Yitzhak Shamir, the leader of the main opposition Likud party, accused Mr Rabin of buckling under pressure from the new Clinton administration by "giving up to the Americans before the first shot was even fired". Benjamin Netanyahu, the man tipped as most likely to succeed him as Likud leader, went even further when he compared the

The right says he is too weak. The Arabs say he will not go far enough. Israel's prime minister cannot win.

reparation offer with the 1985 Ahmed Jibril deal, when hundreds of Palestinian security prisoners were freed in exchange for a handful of captured Israeli soldiers.

Haaretz, the Hebrew daily newspaper, reported that the head of the Shin Bet intelligence service had warned the Israeli cabinet before its decision on Monday that Israel's Arab rivals would probably interpret the government's climbdown as a sign of weakness and could step up violence against the Jewish state. Although the Israeli compromise, brokered by Warren Christopher, the new US Secretary of State, means that America will block any attempt at the United Nations Security Council to impose sanctions against Israel and to force the Jewish state to take back all banished Palestinians, it has still not resolved Mr Rabin's dilemma of how to proceed in the deadlocked Middle East peace talks.

The Israeli leader had clearly calculated that his offer would enable his fellow negotiators, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians, to resume face-to-face dialogue in the coming weeks, but yesterday the Arab participants seemed less than enthusiastic.

Palestinian leaders in and outside the occupied territories, Lebanon and Syria all insisted that Mr Rabin had not gone far enough and that the rule of international law, as set out by UN Security Council Resolution 799, must be enforced against Israel. Faris Bouez, Lebanon's for-

eign minister, welcomed the offer as a first step, but insisted that the international community keep up its pressure until Israel agreed to take back all the banished men. Although Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, described the Israeli offer as "a start", Issa Darwish, Syria's ambassador to Cairo, was less impressed. "The deportee question is an indivisible whole," he said. "All deportees should be repatriated."

The same mood prevailed among senior figures in the Palestine Liberation Organisation with Nabil Shaath, political adviser to leader Yasser Arafat, saying that the compromise solved nothing. "We will not allow them to shelve the problem. We will keep it at centre-stage," he said.

The most prominent leader in the occupied territories, Faisal Husseini, said that, unless the Jewish state was made to comply on this issue, it would evade its international duty when confronted with other security council resolutions concerning the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "Now they say: 'Let's compromise on UN Resolution 799', tomorrow they will say the same about Resolutions 242 and 338. This cannot be," he said.

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, tried to put the best possible light on the affair when he cautioned that the Arabs' initial reactions might not be their final word on the subject. "Patience, I would wait a little bit," he said during a visit to Brussels. "I do not expect the first reaction is necessarily the real reaction." □ New York: Terry Anderson, the longest-held American hostage in Lebanon until his release 14 months ago, said yesterday that he had held informal talks with the ambassador to the UN about joining the American delegation.

He said, however, that contrary to several published reports there had been no discussion about his becoming deputy to Madeleine Albright, the American ambassador to the UN. "We didn't discuss the deputy spot because, as I understand it, it has traditionally been a career foreign spot. We talked about other places I might be helpful, where I have considerable interest and knowledge," he said. Mr Anderson, 45, who spent 2,454 days in captivity, said he talked to Mrs Albright last week and would see her again.

He said, however, that he might not be able to accept any position on her staff because of his other commitments, which include completing a book and a speech tour of America. (AP)



Firing line: a policeman firing a shotgun, loaded with birdshot, at striking taxi drivers who blocked key intersections in central Johannesburg for the second day yesterday. The city centre was declared an unrest area, subject to restrictions usually imposed in townships

Zaire calls for foreign troops

FROM AFP
IN KINSHASA

ZAIRE'S transitional government appealed for military intervention by Belgium, France and the United States to restore order and security here, claiming that rioting by soldiers had left more than 1,000 dead.

An official of the government of Etienne Tshisekedi, the prime minister, who was dismissed in December by President Mobutu but has refused to step down, telephoned the appeal to foreign journalists late on Monday. The figure of 1,000 deaths was double the 500 victims reported by the Zairean Human Rights League or the 300 or more dead reported by Willy Claes, the Belgian foreign minister.

Russia has evacuated the wives and children of its citizens living in Kinshasa, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

The body of Philippe Bernard, the French ambassador to Zaire who was shot dead in his Kinshasa office on Thursday, has been flown back to Paris. His funeral will be held at the Invalides today with military honours and he will be posthumously made an officer of the Legion of Honour.

Johannesburg police clamp down on black strikers

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

POLICE opened fire on a mob attacking a white motorist, killing one man and wounding at least three others in central Johannesburg yesterday. The killing climaxed two days of violence around a strike by black taxi drivers who allege harassment by traffic authorities.

Last night the commercial centre was declared an unrest area, giving police sweeping powers to arrest suspects and curb demonstrations. The order means that Johannesburg is now subject to the same restrictions commonly imposed in black townships.

The violence occurred despite the intervention on Monday of Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president, who had arranged a meeting between the taxi operators and the authorities. Hieronim Kriel, the law and order minister, told parliament that police had been fired on as they towed away minibuses parked across key intersections by some of the 800 striking drivers.

The police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the strikers, who tried to tow away the vehicles.

An officer at the scene said that the motorist had got out of his car and was chased by a mob. "He was a white man in the wrong place at the wrong time."

But a witness said the man shot dead had come out of a

café to see what was going on. The violence occurred as the ruling National Party government published yesterday its proposals for a charter of fundamental rights. It was clearly aimed at preventing a future black government doing to the whites what it has been doing systematically to blacks for the past 40 years.

Kobie Coetsee, the justice minister, told reporters in Cape Town that, while the proposals should be refined by negotiation, a charter must be brought into legal effect before the installation of a transitional government. But the ANC said it was opposed to a bill of rights passed into law by the present government. "A bill of rights by its very nature does not seek to bring rights to those who are without, but rather to entrench the rights of those who already have them," a spokesman said.

Some of the rights proposed in the charter are evidently based on the apartheid regime's own experience in breaching civil rights. There is a clause specifically allowing the freedom of association for individuals, a freedom much attenuated under the banning legislation of the apartheid years.

The right of every citizen to form or join a political party is guaranteed, which will no doubt be welcome to the South African Communist Party, the Pan Africanist Congress, and the ANC, which were pro-

scribed for nearly 30 years. The media, however, will continue to be both registered and licensed.

Other rights are apparently included to protect the interests of the whites, or at least of the economically advanced sections of society, from a future vengeful and redistributive Marxist black government.

One clause establishes the right to establish and operate a private school. Another section demands compensation "determined by a court of law according to the market value of the property" for any property expropriated for public purposes. Thinking ahead, the charter establishes the right not to be subjected to taxes which will have a confiscatory effect.

The biggest constitutional change implied by the proposed charter is that when it is passed into law, the bill of rights and the constitutional court which will test all future laws against the charter will derogate much of the sovereignty from parliament which at present has almost unlimited powers.

"Our history," according to the government in the course of a foreword to the charter which displays a mastery of understatement, "has shown that a constitutional system which grants such wide powers to parliament cannot guarantee the protection of basic rights."

Riots drive thousands from Togo

FROM ALAIN BOMMENEL
IN LOME

THOUSANDS of people streamed out of the Togolese capital, Lomé, in taxis, buses and trucks yesterday in fear of new shootings by the military.

The exodus follows a weekend rampage by troops after they put down an opposition demonstration in which 16 people are said to have been killed. Troops went on a looting spree, reportedly in revenge for the deaths of two soldiers whom they claim were killed by opposition supporters.

Ignoring an appeal by Agbeyome Kodjo, the interior minister, to stay on, the refugees stacked their bundles, suitcases and trunks on any available transport and headed for the borders with Ghana and Benin. At least 25,000 people had fled by Monday.

Gnassingbe Eyadema, the president of Togo who has ruled for the past 26 years, said on Monday that Ghana's decision to place its armed forces on alert because of unrest in Togo was "provocation" and "intolerable interference". In Accra, the Ghanaian capital, a high-ranking defence official insisted his country had "no intention of attacking Togo". The official said Ghana's decision had been "only a precaution to prevent any Togolese adventurism". (AFP)



Giving ground: Rabin offering to repatriate 100 men

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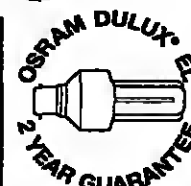
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Memories of a role model



SARAH MOWER

My grandmother, Maisie Defriez, died the day after Audrey Hepburn. Granny had 30 years on Audrey — she was 94 — and they didn't have much else in common, either, except that Granny cared about clothes too. The parallel between them was that they both proved — Audrey to the world, Granny to me — that caring about clothes doesn't have to mean that a woman is vain or silly. For each of them, paying attention to appearance was a concern always kept in proportion to more important things in life: but equally, it was never lost, even when times were tough. They both had that special, innate elegance that acts as a bulwark of self-respect against hardship and personal tragedy: something that belongs only to the generations of women who lived through world wars.

Granny's sartorial standards were honed during the stints as a milliner and as one of the first of the first world war Wrens, and through the bringing up of six children, virtually penniless and on her own, in the second world war. As far as 20th-century fashion is concerned, Granny saw the lot. From it, she extracted what suited her, always looking assured and immaculately turned out in what must have been home-made clothes and hand-me-downs. Her volumes of photo albums record it all: Maisie as a vivacious young girl on Bognor Regis beach at the time when you had to use bathing machines to put on a flannel dress, mob cap and bloomers to go into the sea; Maisie as a good-looking evacuee mother in the Lake District, somehow managing to look like Marlene Dietrich in her pants and turban and square shoulders; Granny as an elegant 1960s mother of the groom in bucket hat and a coat with a standaway collar that could have been Balenciaga but certainly wasn't.

Maybe because she knew how much could be done with so little, Granny applied her standards to everyone else in the family. I'm afraid I never really lived up to

them. "Darling, you do look smart," was the best compliment that ever came my way, from anyone, because I knew she was telling the truth. Other times, she would disavow, not unkindly, into laughter, saying "Oh, you look like a Cossack," or "You're a Principal Boy today!" — and I'd have to go home and inspect myself again for a lapse into fashion victimhood. She was usually right.

Family weddings were a highlight of Granny's life planning what she'd wear, and then reporting, in detail, how everyone had dressed. She would deplore a bride who had shown too much cleavage, and rhapsodise over the cousin who had out-

shone her in a tartan suit, French pleated hair and black pillbox hat.

My favourite of Granny's descriptions was the one she applied to the unbecoming hairdo of a new girl friend who had appeared in the family orbit. "She had it all squawked back, like this!" she exclaimed, pulling back her hair all her eyes popped. "Squawked" was so right. You could almost hear it.

The cardinal sin of that poor woman was not her undeniable plainness, but her luxuriousness; apparently, she had to be kept in Hermes scarves, Cartier watches and Dior dresses. Granny could never quite bring herself to approve.

For herself, she was both thrifty and well-dressed to the last. Even when she could no longer shop, she would pore over mail-order catalogues, and when the garment arrived — never up to scratch — she would totter determinedly over to her workbox and set about re-making the thing, adding shoulder-pads, cutting the sleeves to three-quarter length, changing the buttons, tearing off and re-positioning the trim and saving the left-overs to dress the doll she was planning for her next great-grandchild.

By far the most difficult clothes decision I've had to make in the past few months has been what to wear at her funeral, which was yesterday. Because she would have cared.

'She was both thrifty and well-dressed to the last'

When the wealthy have their hair done in New York there is only one person to see. Tina Gaudoin went to see him



Snip at the price: An experience "to die for", but don't give the \$250 price or the five-month wait for an appointment a second thought. Being there is what really matters

Fifteen minutes of flattery

Sex with scissors is how it is best described. But it is not quite as brutal as it sounds. Having your hair cut by Frederic Fekkai is one of those experiences that wealthy New York women are constantly heard proclaiming is "to die for". But if the realisation is orgasmic, the foreplay (so to speak) is almost unendurable. Waiting lists for King Cut stretch into June. And once you are in, there is no guarantee that a last-minute emergency (for which read high-profile advertising campaign such as Armani's Gio or Ralph Lauren's Safari or better yet high-profile client such as Barbara Streisand, Bruce Willis or Demi Moore) won't ring up out of the blue to take your place.

There is only one word for Frederic Fekkai Beauty Center and that is "Scene". If you manage to make it through the chicky heavy glass swing doors without sustaining injury, consider yourself fortunate.

Once inside, expect to be placed in a holding pattern. If you are "being done" by the maestro you will undoubtedly experience Wait Alley. Behind you is a line of black telephones for emergency office calls or for calling home to tell the maid what to order for dinner. "No, no, no. We gave the Nixons foie gras last time." Waiting for Fekkai is a Beckettian exercise (average time one

hour) but there is plenty to distract you: not least is the star-spotting — Grace Mirabella, John F. Kennedy Jr., Monica Seles, and the attentive waiter service: "Tea, coffee, bagel, granola, salad, fresh fruit".

Once your gaze lands on Fekkai, 34, the reason for all this hoopla is crystal clear. In the words of the woman sitting next to me: "Jeez, the guy is divine". Fekkai's dark, southern French looks are achingly good. In fact they are so mindblowing even other men are grudgingly forced to comment. "Don't you find him a little too Mediterranean?" asked my husband desperately after being introduced to him at a party.

But it is not just a question of looks. "He's got that divine French accent, he's good looking, charming and intelligent — he knows how to treat a woman, whether she's in his salon or at dinner with him," says a friend. Fekkai better be worth the wait (40 minutes and counting). But here is the real rub. You will get 15 minutes worth of cutting time maximum for your \$250 (£172). "If you know what you're doing you don't need to take longer," says Fekkai confidently. He has been known to cut as many as six heads in one hour.

By Fekkai's own admission flirting is integral to his work. "Every woman likes to be told she looks good, particularly in New York where men are just interested in business," he says. His favourite story involves a loyal customer who came in one morning complaining that her husband of 25 years had phoned her to ask what colour her eyes were. Of course Fekkai knew. So it is possible that he might go on a step beyond running his fingers through a customer's hair?

"No, I never go that far. If I did I would ruin my reputation and my business." He would not want to do that. Last year Frederic Fekkai Beauty Center grossed \$6.3 million.

Location and atmosphere as any style master would tell you are all. Naturally, the beauty centre has both. In heaps, Fekkai got his almost 3,000 square feet of prime real estate perched atop Bergdorf Goodman (the department store of choice for New York's fashion cognoscenti) after his great friend Kelly Klein (wife of Calvin) recommended him to then BG president Dawn Mello.

The atmosphere (all Fekkai engineered) is seductive. Concorde lounge meets MTV. Every seat in the 27-seater salon is taken. The fax (yes, fax) is humming with an urgent message for a publisher who is currently at the tin-foil stage of her lowlights. Above the dull roar of the dryers Sade is

crooning about her Bullet Proof Soul and Fekkai, flanked by two assistants, has my hair in one hand and is talking rapidly in animated French into a telephone held in the other. I am, I quickly realise, in rather a disadvantaged position. I postpone the questions on Fekkai's involvement with Madonna to a later date.

We talk about why Fekkai is A, so popular, and B, so busy. He grins. "There is no competition." And he means it. "I recently visited the top salons in Britain and France — they were terrible. No service, dirty robes and towels. No one knows how to run a business."

Fekkai's principles are laudable. "I don't want to make a statement with hair. Simplicity is best. A woman wants to know she comes to me and I make her look wonderful." He is as good as his word. Women who have the time and money to patronise salons anywhere in the world continually return to him.

Fekkai's popularity extends way beyond the salon. He has become a Manhattan accessory. Seen parading with all the best people — Rolling Stone magazine's Jann Wenner, Christie Brinkley, model and wife of Billy Joel, and homemaker-extraordinaire Martha Stewart. Says a Manhattan socialite: "Frederic is not just a hairdresser, he's a very successful businessman. Everyone

wants him at their event." Fekkai, who is divorced, acknowledges that cutting hair for a living has never held him back socially. "Sure, I work hard and I play hard. In America I can do both." He has all the clichéd trappings of success. A beach house in East Hampton, an apartment on Madison Avenue, a housekeeper, chauffeur, shiny black BMW, shiny chocolate brown pedigree Labrador, and a helicopter to avoid the Long Island traffic on Friday nights.

That Fekkai has the ability to "make every woman feel special" is not in doubt. "You look very good," he says attentively, studying my face in the mirror. (I'm in the recovery stages of a gastric flu virus so I, my doctor, and the rest of the world would probably disagree.)

For many, the experience of being tended to by one of Fekkai's staff is enough. And of course you don't have to stop with a cut. One English friend of mine went in for a trim. She came out with highlights, a manicure, deep-cleaned face, and a makeover. When the charges (over \$800) came through on her husband's American Express bill a month later he had a sense-of-humour arrest. For that sort of money, he said, the rest he would have expected was a face-lift.

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More than a puff of smoke

Alfred Dunhill celebrates a centenary of style with a quirky exhibition

Alfred Dunhill recently received a letter from a surgeon working in Bosnia. He wanted to know if the purveyors of luxury goods and smokers' requisites were interested in a 1950s travelling clock.

This is not as odd as it seems. Dunhill, which this year celebrates its centenary, has, for the past two years, been running an advertising campaign in the personal columns of this newspaper appealing for particularly rare Dunhill pieces. The advertisements have produced a rich haul, more than 250 people responded from all over the world. As a result some two dozen items were added to Dunhill's archive to form a travelling exhibition of the company's finest and quirkiest designs.

One of the most singular contributions was a cigarette case once owned by Lady Docker made of nine-carat gold in four colours and for some unfathomable reason depicting the Duke of Edinburgh sailing a yacht; the largest item unearthed was a 1935 bridge table, each setting equipped with concealed

tobacco jars and whisky decanters.

All of which might come as a surprise to those who associate the name Dunhill solely with those ubiquitous and rather garish back-of-magazine adverts, depicting a Beaujolais-red packet of posh cigarettes against a vivid, leather-tooled background. These politically incorrect little items are in fact little to do with the company, being merely a grant of title: the real Dunhill business today comprises watches, leather goods, jewellery and men's clothes — which last, despite Dunhill's insistence that they are classically styled and English, are largely Italian in both design and manufacture. The pipes and lighters for which the company is so famous tend to take a back seat these days.

Dunhill has been through many mutations since the firm's founding in 1893. Briefly a saddler, Alfred Dunhill saw an opportunity with the coming of the motor car and — under the name Dunhill Motorcycles — quickly established himself as the leading supplier of quality driver's accessories and clothing, nota-

bly floor-length leather coats that weighed almost as much as the men for whom they were intended, and a horrible all-in-one fur-lined goggles and face protector. It was a chance commission that changed the direction of the company — one motorist was fed up with burning tobacco flying into his face as he was tooling along the Brighton road, and so Alfred Dunhill designed a very beautiful pipe, the bowl of which incorporated a windshield. Later came a dashboard-mounted pipe with a long, flexible mouthpiece like that of a hookah (with the driver



Archive material: Dunhill's leather summer driving coat

until the centenary loomed that the current chairman Richard Dunhill, Alfred's grandson, commissioned Ian McComish, a long-time employee, to establish another museum. This has been accomplished in a remarkably short time, and Mr McComish (who has never smoked in his life) delights in demonstrating the innards of such things as ladies' gold cigarette cases that incorporate lipsticks, mirrors, watches, manicure sets, compacts, pencils and an ivory note slate: were such delights commissioned today, the space for cigarettes could no doubt accommodate a condom dispenser or a rape alarm, according to taste.

Many Dunhill products — such as the Rollagas lighter and the briar pipe with its famous white spot — have become design classics, and the company has remained true to the spirit of its founder, who said of any Dunhill product that "it must be useful, it must work dependably, it must be beautiful, it must last, it must be the best of its kind". The company seems to apply this to everything except its own shop. The old interior of the 1970s was brooding, majestic and yet intimate — the art deco, mottled mirrored cabinets choc-a-bloc with sunken tobacco jars, pipes and lighters. Nowadays it is a brightly lit clothes shop with treacherous steps and tobacco products somewhere at the back, if you look hard enough. I am told, however, that the Japanese (who account for 40 per cent of the company's international business) like it very much indeed — so that's all right, then.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

The exhibition, Alfred Dunhill: One Hundred Years and More, will be at the Central Hall at Harrods from April 15 to May 1.

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Tell Nirvana the news

What happens when the American exhortation to "Go West" can be carried no further? The mad, the bad and the daring, those with the genes that told them to keep on walking, all ended up in Seattle, the last city on the north-west frontier of the United States. With nowhere to go but the Pacific Ocean, the former explorers — now citizens of this grey, rain-washed state — hunkered down and started breeding.

Naturally, their offspring were strange. Trapped by geography and genetically programmed to be restless, the youth of Seattle could not run, so they broke out on the spot. Not for nothing is Washington State the land of Twin Peaks, grunge, Riot Grrrls and other mysterious teen phenomena.

The melting pot of acne, hormones, revolution, relative poverty, frustration and isolation boiled over in the late 1980s and the musical, social and sartorial results were labelled grunge. Rebellion was no longer dominated by rap; white slumming had returned.

Now in the first weeks of 1993, all Seattle is in grunge denial. They may still be wearing the lumber-jack-on-acid clothes and listening to Nirvana and Pearl Jam, but international fame has devalued grunge. When the film *Singles* canonised the Seattle scene, when Karl Lagerfeld does flowery old dresses with tweed jackets and bovine boots for Chanel, rebellious youth knows it is time to get out.

As the owners of the club RCKNDY (Rockand) explain to their clientele in January's programme, "1992 was the year that international attention was focused longingly on you, the denizens of the fabled Grunge Rock Scene. You wore flannel and kids in Tokyo swooned. You forgot to wash your hair and fashion models stopped bathing altogether. You said mosh and Madonna took you out to dinner to ask how high."

Local bands who wish to retain any artistic credibility are throwing off the grunge label, which they consider to have been wrongly appropriated by the media and milked for all it is worth by bestselling bands such as Nirvana. There is much disgust at bands sneaking up to Seattle from San Francisco and Los Angeles, dressing down and instantly getting record deals.

Kurt Cobain, Nirvana's lead singer, recognised the potential of grunge long before others. In the bestselling single, "Smells like Teen Spirit", he sings "I feel stupid and contagious", which is a fair description of what has happened to Seattle. As they say here, grunge is no longer an attitude — it is a career.

But if grunge is dead, post-grunge and other subcultural mutations are doing just fine. There cannot be many cities where you can roll in on a wet Wednesday night and find what can only be

The woolly hats are on. The night is about to begin. Kate Muir reports from Seattle on life after grunge

described as a happening scene. Half a dozen clubs offer two or three bands each. Entrance is about \$4. At The Vogue there is Easy, Bliss and Sugar Buzz; at The Crocodile there is Spirit, Mom and Cellbabe; at The Swan Cafe there is Slobberpocket, Monkeyfinger and Rattletrap. At the weekend we might have heard the all-girl hardcore punks 7 Year Bitch, or Cyberchrist, Dirt-Nap, Sweet Nipples, Thunderjelly, Patchouli Sewer, Naugahyde, Frankly Scarlett, Iron Sausage and White

Ms MacDonald opens a packet and offers two green blobs. E? Some new grunge drug? No, she plugs them in her ears

Male Guit. At 5.30pm, Fallout Records is bustling with girls in 1950s dresses and tacky boots, carrying rucksacks and plastic tulips. A man is trying to persuade the shop to add his efforts to the display of photocopyed fanzines. By 6.30pm, it is happy hour at Off Ramp, a café cum club under the motorway flyover. Pink cocktails are served in plastic cups along with Pyramid Wheat Ale, a local microbrew. The woolly hats are on, and the night is about to begin.

Val MacDonald, a part-time surfer and student at Washington State University, volunteers as our post-grunge guide.

The Deflowers are striking up on the stage next door, so she shouts. "There's a lot of animosity that the various Seattle sounds are all being labelled grunge. There's heavy metal, there's punk, there's hip-hop — it's diverse. Grunge is just used to describe how people dress."

She looks around the club. "In fact, it's not even dressing. You don't see any after-five attire here. People just find a shirt in the trash and fling some pants on and can't afford a haircut, and suddenly

that's fashion." A while later, at the Lobo, a nearby bar, the men in checked flannel shirts who look the epitome of grunge fashion turn out to be steelworkers.

Nothing is what it seems. Towards midnight at RCKNDY, which is decorated with chicken wire and concrete, Ms MacDonald opens a small packet and offers two green blobs. E? Some new grunge drug? No, she plugs them in her ears in case of damage from night after night of heavy guitar riffs.

Why does she suffer it? "I like the dark side to some of the music. And I like being down there in the mosh pit, really letting go." The mosh pit is the area just in front of the stage where hundreds of sweaty bodies squish together. Moshing, explains Ms MacDonald, is different from say, headbanging or pogging. There is more swaying as a group, and bouncing.

At RCKNDY, large signs say "No Stagediving", an aspect of moshing which involves the fan flinging himself, sometimes with his trousers down, on top of the crowd. "Of course, if you're a girl, you're more likely to find people holding you up and passing you overhead to the back of the crowd. But if you're a fat man, they might just drop you on your head."

These are strange, masochistic pleasures, but they match the desolate lyrics of bands such as Nirvana and Alice in Chains: "I'm the man in the box", goes one song. "I'm the dog who gets beat."

Gillian Gaar, who writes for *The Rocket*, Seattle's music paper, explains: "There's a northwest characteristic, a real dark side to life out here. It probably goes back to Indian legends of evil spirits or something. That's why *Twin Peaks* worked so well here. Maybe that's why we have a high incidence of serial killers."

According to a national survey, people in the North West are least likely to believe in God, have a high suicide rate, and are the least trusting of authority. It also rains a lot. "Nirvana reflect that dark side. There's a lot of sorrow and rage in their music. 7 Year Bitch have that gnarly, grungy sound too," says Ms Gaar, whose book on female musicians, *She's a Rebel*, is published in Britain by Blandford this month. If she had to categorise the up-and-coming and much-tattooed 7 Year Bitch, she would plump for "foxcore" — the all-female version of hardcore rock. Their songs have equally depressing titles, "Dead Men Don't Rape" being one.

Curiouser and curiouser. The bright grunge package is nasty inside. *The Stranger*, the weekly listings paper, exemplifies this. Its lead story is on Seattle's rat patrol. Homelessness and increased gang activity are contributing to the problem. "With social breakdown," says the rat patrol man, "you get rats." He informs readers that ten out of every 100,000 people in city



Rock-gospel: Seattle's music paper. "There's a dark side to life here," a staff writer says. "It probably goes back to Indian legends."

areas are bitten by rats each year. In *Fallout Records*, among the jolly fanzines, there lurks *Antabuse*, named after the drug which induces vomiting in lapsed alcoholics. Its cartoons, directed mainly at young women, include "Signed in Blood", a story of a ten-year-old girl who is abused by her father. "I wrote everything in my diary," it says. "I cut myself, dripped blood

on it, and signed it. Then I burned the whole thing."

The fanzines are often the work of a growing part of the grunge subculture, Riot Grrrls. All-woman bands of feminist leanings, they publish fanzines when not singing about anorexia, bulimia, suicide, self-mutilation and the general wickedness of men.

Britannia was used by the royal family for less than a month last year. As the yacht nears the end of her life, can Britain afford a replacement?

Britannia sails into a storm

In 1951 one of the last acts of the Labour government, before it lost the election that year, was to commission a 5,700 tonne royal yacht. The emphasis on rebuilding a war-shattered economy had meant that, until then, such plans met with resistance. *The Times*, in an editorial, welcomed the yacht saying that it had not been seen for the monarch as head of the British Empire to have to charter a liner when he or she had occasion to go "afloat in state".

Life and how to survive it — by John Cleese and Robin Skynner

TO COINCIDE with publication of their book, *Life and How to Survive It*, John Cleese and Robin Skynner are to speak at a Times/Dillons forum on relationships beyond the family. The forum, chaired by Brian Redhead, is at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, on February 24, at 7.30pm. Order tickets using the coupon or contact Dillons direct.

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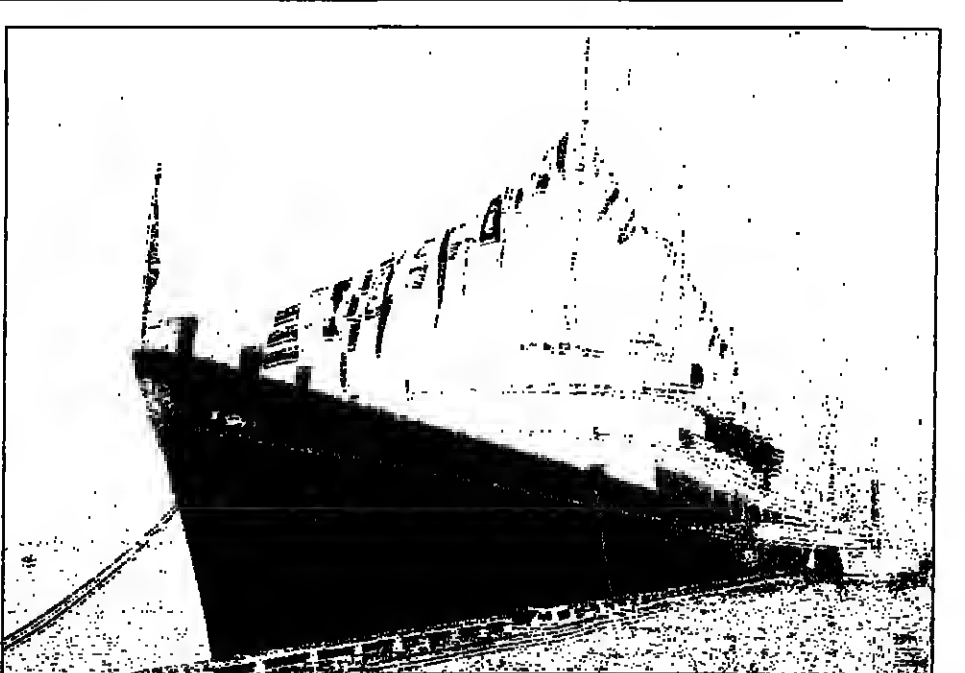
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based on a debt piece of public relations. In 1938 when the old yacht *Victoria and Albert* was scrapped, the navy minister of the day, Duff Cooper, pointed out to cabinet colleagues that, in times of war, it could be argued that a new yacht could double as a hospital ship. The second world war, however, led to the scrapping of plans for this hospital ship, but the justification was revived in 1951. While certain elements of the yacht's design would allow for the dual use — extensive laundry facilities for example — *Britannia* was never seriously intended to serve in times of war.

That is why it took the Falklands war for the navy to realise she burnt the wrong fuel, so a cruise liner, *Uganda*, had to be chartered for use as a floating hospital. By the time of the Gulf war the MoD had spent £6 million to convert the ship to diesel, but another problem intervened. *Britannia* does not have a helicopter deck on which casualties could be landed. On Monday, Archie Hamilton, the present navy minister, conceded that *Britannia* would never serve as a wartime hospital vessel.

This is obviously a private use. At Cowes, the yacht towers over the smaller craft and majestically presides over the hectic social scene. The usual routine is that after the regatta, the royals cruise leisurely up the west coast of England and Scotland, breaking off for the odd official visit, then round Scotland's north and east coast to Aberdeen where they disembark for Balmoral.

Next month Prince Philip is going on an official visit to some of the Caribbean islands, using the royal yacht. His two-week itinerary will take in a speech on The Arts and Nature and a reception for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in Palm Beach, Florida. He will stay in *Britannia*'s royal apartments, refurbished in 1987 at a cost of £3.3 million. Are Dominica, Montserrat etc. really key export markets for British goods?



Keeping afloat: but after 40 years Britannia still lacks a full-time role

According to press reports, a year ago the government shelved plans for an £80 million replacement yacht, to avoid alienating the taxpayer in the middle of a recession. Surely, in the present climate such plans will be allowed to gather a lot more dust, even when *Britannia* sails off into the sunset. The navy minister has said that "in view of her age" *Britannia*'s future is under review.

The royal yacht, in reality an ocean-going ship, is no longer needed. She is used only as a floating hotel. The hospital ship option has finally run aground. The idea that *Britannia* is vital to Britain's export drive is equally hard to keep afloat. No convincing argument for a new yacht may well mean no new yacht.

PHILLIP HALL
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Alan Coren



Children are losing much more than pigs from their new, politically correct, storybooks

This morning, though the ensuing folderol demands total caution, I have no option but to proceed with total abandon. That is because I am assembling it from words. Were it possible to fashion it from Plasticine or strum it on the banjo, it might do less damage, but even then nothing is certain: these days, the risk of a racist croucher is not lightly to be disregarded, nor can we be sure that young lives might not be ruined by passive modelling. Expose, say, an aquiline child to an insensitively sculpted conk, and who can be certain that he might not decide to spend the rest of his life with his head in a sack?

But words are the worst. Words are big trouble. They say things, but the things they say may, on occasion, be different from the things they say they say. And that, in these caring times, is totally unacceptable. Suppose, in the course of my imminent argument, I were to describe something as a black mark, a bald statement, a crippling liability, a dumb idea, a lame excuse, suppose I were to refer to yellow behaviour, blind panic, gay abandon, short shrift (all of which, indeed, clamour to be deployed), just think of the breadth of unintentional insult they would embrace!

All this started, quietly enough, with Alison Urley. A day or so ago, I was sent a PEN survey on censorship in which, flipping through as one does, I noticed that the majority of publishers were now refusing to allow authors to use the word "pig" in children's books for fear of offending Muslims. A pity, I thought: this must mean that large numbers of British children were excluded from the reading community on the grounds that Sam Pig, despite his floppy hat, red waistcoat and impeccable manners, was unclean. He was not a little chap at all. He was cracking. He was lard. He was not, unfortunately, Sam Chicken. If he had been Sam Chicken, everybody could have read about him.

So, too, everybody could have read about Peter Chicken. I assume that Orthodox Jews do not want their children to read about Peter Rabbit, rabbits being, to them, as distastefully incorrect as pigs. But Peter Chicken would be all right. Just as, I suppose, it would be all right for Hindu children if a chicken jumped over the moon. You may conclude from this that children's fiction stands poised to become a trifle unvarnished: there are a lot of unclean animals out there, we could be looking at *Chicken of Chicken Hill* and *Orlando the Marmalade Chicken*, but at least they wouldn't upset anyone.

For Alice in Wonderland, I hold out little hope, given that Alice follows a rabbit down a hole to meet a duchess who throws a baby about before turning into a pig; apart from all the ethnic unacceptability involved, it is clearly on the cards that Fergie, say, would sue on behalf of defamed single-parent aristocrats everywhere, a minority, I would remind you, whose numbers grow less negligible by the hour. Mind you, she'd be on shaky ground, given her *Budgie* books: many poor children do not have helicopters, and if, as the PEN survey claims, authors are now discouraged even from mentioning big houses and grassy lawns on the grounds that grounds are what most children do not have, I doubt that her publishers would relish the publicity.

They would prefer to be out commissioning *The Squat at Posh Corner or Five Go Into Care*, since such would be more, where that survey again, "relevant" than ballet lessons, gymnastics, midnight feasts in domes, or the "unacceptably supernatural" doings of witches, goblins and the rest. And, of course, as each manuscript arrived, a crack editorial *Waffenkommando* would pounce, charged with the excision of any word deemed capable of a construction which might somehow disturb someone, somewhere. Which, of all the insanities that censorship invites, is quite the maddest of all: to divide or marginalise kids by race, class, background, belief, or whatever else, is appalling enough, to limit their opportunity either to experience a real world which is not theirs or to exercise an imagination which allows them to transcend both is equally monstrous, but to intervene between them and the limitless possibilities of language is... well, words fail me.



Rout of the economists

The bluff of monetary models, theories and statistics has been called — a whole profession now stands arraigned

Seventeen years ago the Met Office stopped publishing long-range weather forecasts. They were so often wrong. Too many variables were involved for even the most capacious computer to give adequate predictions. The public was being misled. I remember thinking how greatly this stood to the Met Office's credit.

Should economists now show like reticence? Last week the government cut Britain's base interest rate to 6 per cent. It is now half what it was when Britain left the European exchange-rate mechanism last September to allow sterling to devalue. The policy was a U-turn, but so too was the theory behind it. The Chancellor had previously told the *Financial Times*, to its evident approval: "The illusion that devaluation would enable us to make a substantial reduction in interest rates... is fool's gold." Yet precisely that has happened. So who told him it could not? An economist?

I am always careful with macro-economics. It is a subject, like income tax and working a video-recorder, which can be comprehended only in short bursts and with an ipeck on the head. But has it ever been in greater disarray? Time was when we could all fasten on the one current fixation of the powers-that-be: sterling, the PSBR, inflation. Now all is confusion. Pundits leap into print unsure whether interest rates should come down promptly to zero, or whether they are so low as to risk a resumed inflationary spiral. Economics is like pre-Newtonian physics, sitting under a tree and awaiting a bump on its head. Yet every minister still has his "economist", like a medieval prince with his astrologer.

Students this week will have swallowed a searing cocktail of economic phenomena. The pound is down; inflation is falling; unemployment is rising; the balance of payments is deteriorating; the government is pushing public borrowing up; the government is pushing interest rates down. Economics says that most of these should not be happening at the same time. A government which grandly told the electorate nine months ago that there was "no alternative" to fighting inflation with a fixed price for sterling, high interest rates and a shrinking public sector is now going in the opposite direction. It espouses a floating pound, low interest rates and a growing public sector — yet says its commitment against inflation is unchanged. Is this nonsense really all its own idea? I smell an economist.

The present generation of politicians and officials are still in thrall to these magicians. They were brought up in the age of planning, of "can-do" economics. They cannot kick the habit of believing that all markets are better if regulated, that currencies are happier fixed and that speculators are the incarnation of evil. When the Chancellor and the prime minister stand on their heads, I must believe they do so on doctor's orders. The Treasury's economists are no longer on tap but "on top". Its permanent secretary, Sir Terry Burns, is himself a distinguished, indeed benign, member of the fraternity. For Sir Terry and his predecessors, the central article of faith throughout the 1980s was ERM membership. They were supported in the faith by all Baronses Thatcher's Chancellors and by the present prime minister. They were cheered on by the Pearson press (the *FT* and *Economist*) and even by the Labour and Liberal parties. Lose the ERM, they told all who would listen, and the result would be even worse medicine. They were very rude to those — here I clear my throat — who said the pound should have been devalued and interest rates cut at the start of the recession two years ago.

Even Tory economists who did not like the ERM accepted that whatever risks a Chancellor might take, he should keep deflation as his lodestar. Inflation was to late-Thatcherism what public borrowing had been to early-Thatcherism. The policy was Kennedy-esque in its simplicity: the cabinet would "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe..." to reduce inflation. Only when the market had had enough did mandarins and ministers confront the torture by fire of an exchange-rate crisis. They tried to bribe their way out with billions of pounds of other people's money. But they soon felt quaking at the feet of the Grand Inquisitor of market forces, and converted on the spot.

This week sterling has fallen and government long-term bond yields have soared. This means that the markets do not believe the cabinet any longer has the will to curb its spending and limit inflation. The cabinet has at last become more worried about recession than about inflation. It has gone for easier money and more borrowing — dangerously late. With the throttle full open, the gears have crashed from reverse to forward. The economy is to be sent once again careering on a joyride across the parking lot. The markets are wisely protecting themselves.

Reflected in the great mirrors of the Reform Club are the stern faces of government economists denying all part in this shambles. No Treasury or Bank of England resignations followed Black Wednesday, a debate that was professional as well as political. If economic advisers were

members of a professional body there would surely have been hearings and stridently off: economists shams with architecture a belief that its blunders are due to the idiocy of its clients. Each mistaken forecast or recommendation is followed by a plea for "more research" or a "bigger statistics department".

Like his partner in chaology the climatologist, the economist can scan the horizon of the past and trace general patterns. But also like the climatologist, his forecasts lack the essence of a science, that they be empirically verifiable. They are intelligent guesses. Denis Healey, one of the Treasury's more spirited incumbents, warned against treating economics as a science. It was a branch of social psychology. He vowed to make economic forecasts "distorted for ever" for their persistent extrapolations from "a partially known past, through an unknown present to an unknowable future". He might have recalled the mathematical anguish of the economist asked by his wife, "How much do you really love me?"

It is in the nature of a novice

profession to oversell itself to politicians. That way it gets more money. It will also tend to claim bad decisions were a perversion of its advice. But economics is an accessory after the fact of economic crime. It peddles bogus objectivity, such as statistics purporting to measure unemployment or productivity or price inflation. It peddles no less bogus models of money supply, employment and growth. The thousands thrown out of work as a result of modelling errors in the past five years might be a little consoled if they knew somebody else suffered for contributing to their misery, and for the dud growth forecasts that prolonged it.

The only remorse I have encountered is from the Henley forecaster, Professor Paul Ormerod, in his *British Association* paper last August. He eloquently attacked his calling for being "littered with new concepts which have given little insight into how economies actually work". Economics, he said, was "in disarray... the forecasting record of the models, never brilliant, has deteriorated since the mid-1980s; in virtually every Western country serious errors have been made." Ormerod suggested that much current economic theory should be "abandoned or at least suspended until it can find a sounder empirical base".

The mystery is that Mr Lamont's colleagues are lining up to take his place. The Chancellor has the worst job in government. He is credited with nothing and blamed for everything. He must put on two stones in weight and lose two stones in reputation. He is at the mercy of the most dangerous officials, "Rolls-Royce minds" who "never see a joke except by appointment".

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If there must be a government economist, I say give the job to Ormerod, or subcontract it to the Met Office. They understand humility.

Simon Jenkins

Dietrich's duellists

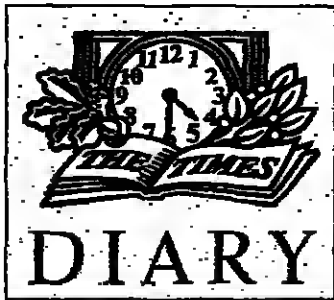
NINE months after her death, the battle of Marlene Dietrich's biographers shows no sign of abating. Last year two authors — Donald Spoto and Maria Riva, Dietrich's daughter — engaged in a headline-grabbing fight to reveal every aspect of the film star's long and exotic life.

Next month should see a third enter the biographical battlefield: ground in the shape of the Yorkshire-based author David Bret, whose previous subjects include Maurice Chevalier, for which Dietrich wrote a foreword, and Edith Piaf. A third, that is, if Bret escapes the legal minefield he has written himself into. He has just received a letter from Riva's solicitors demanding transcripts of tape recordings that Bret made of his telephone conversations with Dietrich and details of the photographs Dietrich gave Bret. Copyright in the conversations, the letter says, belongs to Dietrich's estate and any "unauthorised reproduction [is] actionable". Likewise, "letters and other documents written by Miss Dietrich... may not be reproduced in any form without the Estate's consent". An injunction is promised if Bret does

not send the material by Friday. Bret, who first met Dietrich in 1974, taped every telephone call he had with the star but says he has no intention of publishing the transcripts of their conversations or the text of the letters she sent him. "Because I am not printing them they have no right to object to the book."

His solicitors have written back refusing to comply. He believes Riva's demand is "an act of spite. She feels that nobody else should have anything of Marlene's." But, he adds, his rival is worrying unduly. "Maria Riva is worried that I will sully her reputation, but I have no intention of sully her name more than she has done with her own book."

While Clare Short and Chris Smith announced Labour's plan to double-glaze the nation on Monday, Lord Healey was busy on weightier matters. Namely, why has Labour spent so long in the political wilderness? Presenting this year's Duff Cooper Prize to his friend Peter Hennessy for *Never Again, an analysis of the 1945-51 Attlee government*, he said that Attlee's administration "fulfilled



the whole Labour party programme". Ever since, Labour has been searching for a new agenda, he says. "Research is still continuing, but mark my words, it will succeed." But when?

FO PROK

THE PUBLICITY machine in the Foreign Office seems to have changed gear of late. First *Hello!* published a flattering spread of Sir Robin Renwick, Britain's new ambassador to the US, and his wife "at home" in Washington. Then there was Sir Christopher Mallaby's high profile departure to Paris via the Channel tunnel, enabling him to claim the title of the first British ambassador to take up his appointment by land. The Foreign Office, however, dismisses any suggestion of a new

PR directive. "We are simply too busy to bother with that sort of thing," says a spokesman, although he does admit that the stunts have done the FO a power of good. "This is confirmation of what the Foreign Office has always been — a bunch of highly dedicated workers, rather than a group of chinless champagne swillers." Perish the thought.

Biter bit

LORD Campbell of Croy's vigorous campaign against the Highland midge, first recorded in the *Diary* last November, is fairly buzzing. Tomorrow he tables a question in the Lords asking the government, in the light of infor-



mation received, "whether they are giving further consideration to the useful service which could be provided by red mites in reducing the numbers of midges?"

November's question, which asked the government to encourage the introduction and distribution of the mite, led to a lively debate, with Lord Fraser of Carmyllie noting that the "red mite is proving a mite elusive". But it also led to Campbell receiving an enthusiastic letter from Dr Anne Baker, an entomologist at the Natural History Museum, confirming the red mite exists.

Campbell now has a "rather disgusting" photograph of a red mite killing a midge. "Now I hope that the government will back research. Anyone who has been to the Highlands will know how painful the midge can be. We do not want to wipe out the midge, just to reduce its numbers." Small comfort if you're a midge.

Honourable men

THERE are few breeding grounds for authors as fertile as Westminster. Good news for publishers, perhaps, but less good for visiting parliamentarians, who find it deeply confusing. Consider the unfortunate Jonathan Aitken, minister for defence procurement,

who last month published *Nixon: A Life*, his fifth book. Recently a party of Japanese parliamentarians arrived at Aitken's office in the MoD to pay homage.

Aitken says: "They bowed low and addressed me as a famous author and a great authority on security matters, which was very flattering. We had a long meeting and we discussed various issues. At the end they said they were honoured and they said how much they had looked forward to meeting me. Then they presented me with a copy of a book by Nigel West and asked me to sign."

Nigel West, as he gently pointed out to his guests, is the pen-name of Rupert Allason, MP, intelligence expert and author, but not, as yet, a defence minister.

Enough, enough. No more sing-along jokes, please. The *Diary* can take no more. The Golden Treasury from which *Bushy & Bushy* draws its inspiration when naming curtain fabrics (January 29) was of course compiled by P. G. Wodehouse. However, Nick Bushy admits some of the firm's promotional material does use the word "deliberately" misspelled but descriptive. The pink silk favoured by Bill Clinton for the presidential curtains. "But we've sent it off with two 's's," he says.

Fear and loathing in France

Spirits are lower than the franc, says Charles Bremner

The perfidious Anglo-Saxons are up to their old tricks, making life miserable for the French. That, at least, is how many politicians and media pundits interpret the blows which have rained over the past week on their economy. First came the "Hoover scandal", in which the workers of Cambuslang, with backing from the Scottish Office, robbed Burgundy of its vacuum cleaner factory by offering to make the machines for 40 per cent less. The case has been greeted in France as treachery only a little short of the sinking of the fleet at Mers El Kébir in 1940.

There followed the threat of an American trade war over steel and utilities and then the pressure on the franc. It is generally agreed that the Americans fight dirty. Britain, however, is deemed duplicitous because it has engaged in job piracy and compedévalution when it was supposed to be playing the European game.

Before dismissing the reaction as sour grapes, it might be wiser to see the emotion as a symptom of the defeatism inflicting the Gallic psyche. About the only thing the French agree on these days is that the country is in a state of nervous breakdown, gripped by *morosité, désespoir, chagrin, angoisse, désarroi* (helplessness, ennui and all those other emotions best expressed in French).

Anyone who thinks Britain has a self-esteem problem should listen to the fraught talk in the corner café and the middle-class dinner table. Better still, dip into the bestseller lists. Alain Peyrefitte, the Gaullist academician, writes for example that "France is afraid, afraid of being left behind by history". His book, *La France en Désarroi*, has made a killing. And no self-respecting novelist is without his sound-bite of doom. "I have only known a France that is sick, tired, bitter, bad tempered," lamented François Mitterrand.

Of course melancholic whining has been a Gallic industry since Roman days and nobody has gripped with more elegance. Every generation for the past century has chimed in with its version of Flaubert's lament to "Pauvre France!" All is certainly far from rosy in 1993, what with the million unemployed and intimations of war in Europe. *Le Crée*, to use the umbrella term, is also being fuelled by the feeling of paralysis as the Mitterrand regime creeps towards its scheduled close in two years' time. The general election in late March is hardly a help since the expected conservative government will be dominated by the same old centre-right crew that have been squabbling among themselves for two decades. Whatever they do, the elderly president-monarch will be trying to put a spanner in their works.

However, as most of the annual 60 million foreign visitors can testify, France really has the kind of troubles that most other countries would envy. It has adapted to modernity better than most, its economy is relatively healthy and the great majority of people still live exceedingly well.

So the state of nerves appears to be more profound and irrational than a passing *cafard* (blues) linked to the economy. The gloom seems to draw, as the pundits have been noting since the campaign for the Maastricht referendum, on an existential despair over the French identity. Luckily, no country could be better equipped to analyse the condition. Symptoms are being spotted on all sides. France consumes more tranquillisers than any other nation. Surely, it is said, only irrational fear could be driving the craze for the supernatural on television and the recourse of senior businessmen to astrology and graphology.

When a handful of diehard royalists decided to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Louis XVI's trip to the guillotine last month, the pundits succumbed to an orgy of analysis. In a fit of Freudianism the newsweekly *Le Point* decided that France was trying to "deal with" the guilt of murdering its father.

Of psychiatrists are also noting an unhealthy degree of self-loathing. Not exactly a trait which foreigners usually associate with the nation of Monsieur Chauvin. Michel Sardou, a singer whose social views were probed on television, pronounced that low self-esteem was the trouble. "The French think the whole world takes them for fools," he said.

Now in the midst of all the self-flagellation, therapy is available. Two leading sociologists have argued that France's nervous breakdown is merely the product of self-induced hysteria. The country is better prepared than any other to face the next century because it was first to place a high priority on personal fulfilment, said Gerard Demuth, a sociologist and head of a consulting firm.

The biggest boost to the bruised Gallic soul has come from a book by Alain Duhamel, a distinguished writer who believes France has talked itself into a blue funk for no justifiable reason except high unemployment. In *Les Peurs Françaises* (French Fears), M Duhamel spends 275 pages listing and then exorcising the demons obsessing the populace, or at least their chattering classes. France, he concludes, is blessed with immense strength and good fortune: it is "the nation state *par excellence*", destined for a great future if only the people will wake up and realise it. M Duhamel's message may do the trick. His book is now nearing the top of the charts.

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British banks deny forcing DAF to seek protection

By MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THREE British banks that refused to take part in a £100 million cash injection at DAF, the Dutch-owned truck maker, last night rejected suggestions that they had endangered 15,000 British jobs.

National Westminster, Barclays and Lloyds, which are owed money by DAF, denied accusations from the Opposition and from trade unions that they had pulled the plug on the company, which yesterday filed for protection from its creditors.

They would say only that they had pledged further short-term financial support to the business while its future was thrashed out.

Banking insiders, however, insist that the British banks were set up as the villains of the affair, and put in an untenable position by the company, by the Dutch and Belgian governments and by foreign banks. The company's decision to file for protective bankruptcy was taken, they say, after the banks refused to put up further cash without a clear indication that DAF was viable in its present form.

DAF said it had reached agreement with the two governments and most of the banks on restructuring and refinancing proposals. "A minority of the banks, however, felt that a further investigation was necessary," it said, in a statement that was seen as pointing the finger of blame at the three British banks.

DAF owes three billion guilders, or £1.1 billion, less than a quarter of it to British banks. The biggest lender is ABN AMRO, the Dutch bank and leader of the international consortium of banks that has for months been trying to put together a rescue package.

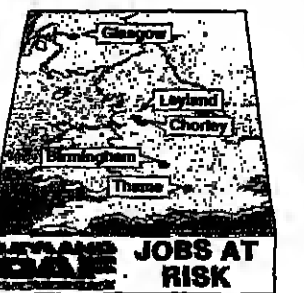
The company said further investigation of the finances would have taken time, so the banks agreed to co-operate on

British banks are claiming they have been set up as scapegoats after refusing to join a new cash injection of £100 million and endangering up to 15,000 British jobs

short-term funds to keep the company going on condition that the two governments "delivered an equal contribution". The Belgian and Dutch governments then told DAF that further delay was unacceptable, while the banks would not unfreeze the company's credit lines.

DAF gave its banks an ultimatum which the minority would not accept. The company therefore filed for protection from creditors in the Dutch courts, saying that similar arrangements for Leyland DAF, the British subsidiary, were being considered.

This version of events, however, was strongly contested by



British banking sources, who insist that the last straw was the insistence by the two governments, presumably on political grounds, that a further cash injection of as much as £100 million be agreed by the banks immediately, without investigation of whether the company was viable.

Two management consultants, Arthur D Little and Coopers & Lybrand, are running their slide-rules over DAF and its British subsidiary, but their report is not expected for another month. There has been speculation that their conclusions will not be favourable to the group's

continued existence in its present form.

The British banks have taken the view that no further promises of cash can be forthcoming to a business with so uncertain a future. In a statement, NatWest said: "It has not proved possible to pull the relevant governments and banks together, and that's the reason the deal has fallen through." Barclays said it had been supportive of DAF over the past year, while a Lloyds spokesman said: "The banks haven't pulled the plug on the company and walked away from the table."

There is now a question mark over the future of the British operation, which is expected to go into administrative receivership, the closest equivalent in Britain to the Dutch procedure.

Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said he was appalled to learn that jobs were under threat at DAF. "This is almost the tip of the iceberg. In terms of the number of suppliers and the many, many jobs they provide," he said. Industry observers said DAF had suffered from its heavy exposure to Britain, the weakest of Europe's markets, and because, unlike competitors such as Mercedes-Benz and Iveco, it is not owned by a multinational.

DAF's biggest foreign shareholder is British Aerospace, with 16 per cent of the ordinary shares and just over 10 per cent of the equity. The stake dates from DAF's 1987 acquisition of British Leyland's truck and van arm.

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"Tip of the iceberg": Bill Jordan said many British jobs could be threatened

Insurance threat to local services

By SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

EXTRA charges for terrorism cover have raised insurance premiums for local authorities opting to transfer their existing insurance policies from the stricken Municipal Mutual Insurance, Britain's ninth largest insurer, to Zurich Re.

The extra charge, which has caught many councils by surprise, could mean a reduction in local services in those cases where the higher premiums push spending budgets over the limit allowed under the government's Standard Spending Assessment (SSA).

Martin Pilgrim, under-secretary of finance at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said that "a lot of councils are quite near their cap limits and any extra money required for insurance will reduce the amount of money they have available for other services".

Mike Hood, audit manager at Milton Keynes borough council, said the extra costs would result in reduced services. As a result, the borough was looking at the possibility of managing terrorism risks itself in order to reduce costs, he added. Other councils in low risk areas are considering the option not to insure against terrorism.

Some authorities have no choice. Westminster city council, with its high-risk property portfolio, is one of the few councils to have provided for the estimated increase in insurance costs. The council has set aside £500,000 of its budget for the rise in costs. Had it been necessary to pass on the extra costs to ratepayers, the council estimates that, in terms of property valuation Band D, the council tax would have risen by £5 a person.

Zurich Re, based in Switzerland, is offering councils the chance to transfer existing policies as part of its agreement to take over the bulk of MMI's business after the British insurer's collapse last year.

Sterling hits record low on Bank index

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING staged an attempt at recovery yesterday but slid back to close at another record low as dealers remained convinced that interest rates will fall again.

The pound ended at 77.1 on the Bank of England's sterling index, against a previous all-time low on Monday of 77.4. Currency dealers said statements from Downing Street that the sterling crisis was over were "wishful thinking", with investor confidence in the pound remaining extremely negative.

Mark Cliffe at Nomura Research, who monitors the

psychology of Japanese investors, particularly heavy sellers of the pound, said: "Japanese investors are aware the devaluation brings long-term benefits, particularly to their direct investments in Britain, but in the short term there is a sense of unease that policy is running out of control."

He said he would not be surprised if sterling were to go through a period of being blatantly undervalued, perhaps as low as DM2.00.

Other currency economists believe sterling could fall below DM2.30 in the next few months, with most convinced

the government will initiate further cuts in interest rates, at Budget time or soon afterwards. It is this expectation that leaves sterling highly vulnerable, despite depreciating by more than 4 per cent in the past fortnight.

It is notable that no-one in the currency markets has seen the Bank intervening in support of sterling over the past two days, underlining the market's view of a policy of "benign neglect" towards the currency.

The pound's performance was mostly dictated by events overseas. It held steady against

the mark, closing unchanged at DM2.3730, as the German currency was weakened by news of a precipitous fall in industrial production of 1.8 per cent in December, after declining by about 2 per cent in the previous two months.

The dollar, however, was stronger on a broad front after more data underlining economic recovery. The US index of leading indicators rose 1.9 per cent in December, the fastest rate for nearly ten years. Sterling fell to \$1.4430 from \$1.4542 at the previous close.

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Roll up for the trade war sideshow

After six years of frustrating jaw-jaw, nobody should be surprised if a trade war broke out. As yet, it has not. The United States has started resorting to gunboat diplomacy — on French wines, steel and now public purchasing — but the overt goal remains a new Gatt disarmament treaty and moves made so far contain a strong element of retaliation against surreptitious European protectionist moves or subsidies. America mounted similar skirmishes and shows of strength against Japan in the late eighties. Some ignoble carve-ups resulted but trade patterns remained basically intact.

This time, the omens are worse. The boom times, when trade deals should have been so much easier to agree, have been replaced by near-universal recession, when red alert signs usually go on for open trade. Bill Clinton swept to office on an America-first ticket. The Democrats may still be good guys on trade, but the balance has shifted from the Bush days, as America's new trade negotiator wants to make plain from the start. Worst of all, the main thrust of American anger is now focused on a Francophile European Commission that has a vested bureaucratic interest

in distinguishing between intra-EC and other international trade. That is very different from a Japanese government prepared to offer ritual appeasement to keep its show on the road. The commission's agenda is not wholly negative. Trade blocs such as the EC and its nascent North American equivalent offer a genuine, if inferior, alternative to free trade for the biggest companies and economies. Consumers lose; producers speak louder and provide their jobs. That makes it easier to contemplate postwar trade ideas breaking down.

Business would therefore be wise to plan for the worst. Multinationals have been doing it for many years. Provided regional markets are big enough, it makes sense to have a foot in all the main camps. A trade war would certainly hurt Unilever, Ford, Honda or BAT but should not cripple them. Indeed, Britain is relatively well-placed, having strong multinationals and a relatively small manufacturing base. In other industries, such as pharmaceuticals, advanced



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electronics, whisky or engineering investment goods, which lack long, standard production runs, this is not so easy, though licensing can help. Medium-sized groups that traditionally export to Anglophone countries should be rethinking. Trade with the Continent, already dominant in the national statistics, should be much safer. The more free trade is at risk, the more trade with the Continent should be at the forefront. Instead of being, as so often, peripheral, no wonder the French are so upset about threats they see to the single market in devaluations and the Hoover jobs affair. In comparison, the transatlantic Punch and Judy battles must seem a sideshow.

Such sensible, realistic thinking is, however, both self-fulfilling and incredibly dangerous. The more trade tensions focus on the three big blocs, and the more comfortable it seems to be to think of regional trade as a fall-back, the clearer it becomes that these are not the main issues.

America was always going to be a marginal market for EC steel. The idea that politicians would be able to withstand domestic interest and pressures so completely as to make public purchasing open to all-comers was a dream at the far reaches of free trade ideals.

North America, the EC and Japan's Far East zone can all survive the worst, thank you very much. Continuation of the bit-by-bit breakdown of open trade would be disastrous for South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Bulk exports of steel, food and other cheap-labour goods are much more vital to Brazil and Poland, as they were, until recently, to Korea.

Short of turning international banks into permanent welfare agencies, the EC does not seem to have much alternative to importing either many more goods or many more people from Eastern Europe. Gatt negotiations have virtually no bearing on this. The dilemma is being ignored while the East sorts itself out: if pressing problems arise, dumping orders can be wheeled out. That will not do. Eastern Europe's change of direction will have more impact than any row between Washington and Brussels.

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Manufacturers more hopeful over prospects, CBI says

By Philip Basset
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

SMALL manufacturing firms are more optimistic about prospects over the next four months than larger companies, according to survey findings from the Confederation of British Industry. Smaller companies expect a quicker pick-up in demand and a more marked slowdown in job shedding than manufacturers as a whole.

Using figures from the its recently published quarterly industrial trends survey, the CBI said that among companies with fewer than 200 employees, those that had become more optimistic about their general business position exceeded those more pessimistic by 17 percentage points.

This compares with a positive balance of 11 percentage points for all manufacturing companies covered in the survey.

■ The rate of job losses in smaller firms is expected to slow markedly in the next four months but uncertainty over demand remains a constraint on investment plans

vey. In the last quarterly survey, in October, there was a negative balance of 22 percentage points among small companies, and one of 23 percentage points overall.

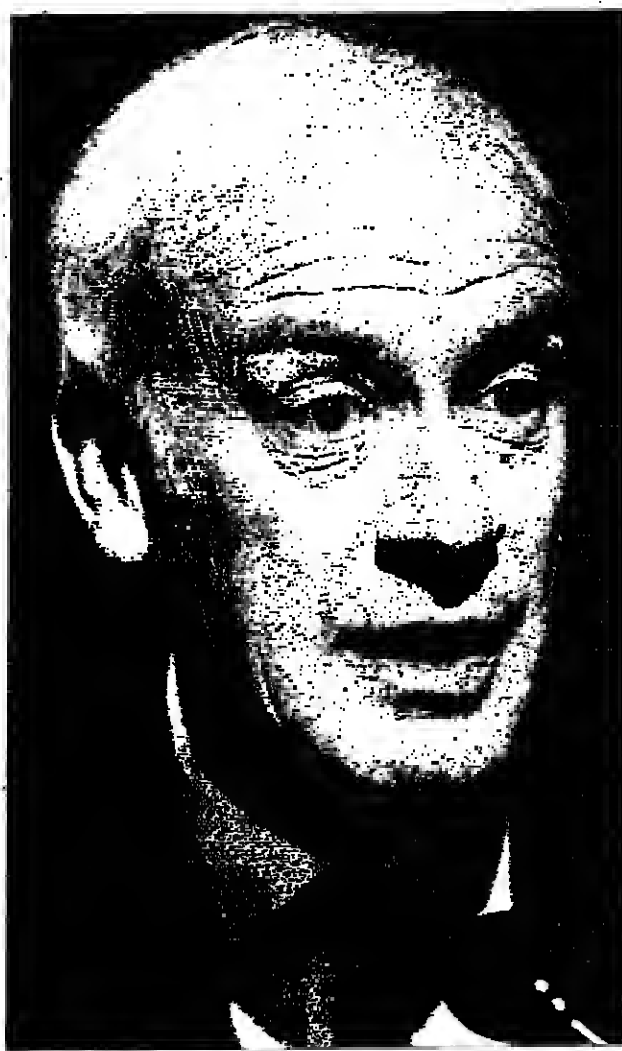
The CBI's figures show that the rate at which jobs are shed by smaller firms is expected to slow markedly over the next four months, compared with industry as a whole: among small companies, the balance expecting further job losses is minus seven percentage points, compared with minus 21 percentage points among manufacturers overall.

On growth, a positive balance of 11 percentage points among small companies ex-

pects to increase, rather than reduce, output over the next four months, compared with one of two percentage points for industry overall.

Richard Brucciani, chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council, said at the council's annual dinner: "The reductions in interest rates are welcome, but we are looking to the Chancellor to introduce further measures in the Budget to help smaller firms."

Small firms would benefit most from lower interest rates, Barroos Denton, the small firms minister, told the gathering. They were not as likely to be as affected as larger ones by recession elsewhere.



Strategic move: Bernard Taylor, head of Medeva

Medeva buys in France

By Philip Pangalos

MEDEVA, the fast-growing pharmaceuticals group, is expanding into continental Europe with the proposed acquisition of Institut de Recherche Corbière (IRC), a French pharmaceuticals company, for FF93.75 million in cash and shares.

The deal, which is subject to French Treasury approval, will give Medeva a base in France from which to launch its own drugs on the Continent, and enable it to establish a European sales force.

Medeva, chaired by Bernard Taylor, has already filed for a registration in France for its Fluvirin influenza vaccine, which will be marketed and sold by IRC's sales force. Medeva also plans to take on more sales staff at the Paris-based company.

IRC made a loss of FF4.74 million in the year to end-December 1991, on turnover of FF50 million, but is expected to be profitable, with higher sales, this year.

The acquisition is due to be completed by the end of this month.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Payout cut as YRM swings into losses

BLEAK times in the construction industry have pushed YRM, the quoted architectural practice, into its first loss and resulted in a sharp cut in the half-way dividend. The company is forecasting a return to profitability in the second half. Losses before tax in the six months to end-October were £498,000, against a profit of £534,000 last time. An operating loss of £142,000 was exacerbated by £282,000 in redundancy and related costs.

Brian Henderson, the chairman, said that not only had there been a "chronic shortage" of building design commissions, but where work had been available, economic pressure and unduly competitive fee tendering had driven fees to extremely low levels. The interim dividend was therefore cut from 1.65p to 0.50p, and the level of the final would be decided in the light of the results for the year.

Northern raises £91m

NORTHERN Foods has raised £91.28 million from a 6.75 per cent, 15-year Euroconvertible bond, redeemable after five years. The conversion price is 320p a share, a premium of 18 per cent to the prevailing share price. The shares fell 8p to 272p yesterday. The company says proceeds will be used to replace existing short-term debts, £120 million arising from the Express Dairy and Eden Vale buys in 1991. Northern began this financial year with £200 million debt and shareholders' funds of £277 million. Analysts expect a cash outflow of £40 million to £50 million during the year.

EC questions closure

THE European Commission says its enquiry into the liquidation of EFIM, the Italian state holding company, was aimed at verifying whether 4 trillion lire (£1.8 billion) of state aid conformed with EC competition rules. The EC was investigating aid given to EFIM even once it had closed. It was especially concerned with state aid of L.4 trillion and the intention to convert EFIM total debt of US\$17 billion into equity. Plans to liquidate the conglomerate are being discussed in the Italian parliament. In October the Italian government approved a decree to liquidate EFIM.

European debts rise

NCM Credit Insurance, the export credit insurer, says the failure of European Community companies to pay their debts is rising dramatically with some of the worst increases appearing in the UK's main export countries. Last year, British companies trading with Germany, the biggest export market, suffered a 300 per cent rise in their losses. NCM calculates that between 1987 and 1992 companies have seen losses on exports to Denmark rise by 330 per cent, and to Italy by 420 per cent, compared with an EC average of 248 per cent.

Heiton builds profit

INTERIM pre-tax profits have risen 15 per cent to Ir£945,000 (Ir£820,000) at Heiton Holdings, the Irish building supplies-to-DIY superstore group, despite difficult trading conditions. Earnings per share were 1.90p (1.75p) in the six months to end-October and the interim dividend is pegged at 0.65p. Heiton's turnover was virtually static at Ir£30 million. The company said it was satisfied that both its core divisions, builders merchants and retail, had improved their performances despite stagnant construction activity and reined-in consumer spending.

BBL France rescued

BANQUE Bruxelles Lambert, Belgium's second largest bank, said its BBL France subsidiary made a loss last year and it pumped money into the bank for a capital increase. This was the second time since 1989 that BBL has come to the rescue of its troubled French unit. Losses at BBL France had depressed BBL's 1989-90 consolidated profit and also weighed on 1991-2 results. BBL France lost FF£540 million, reflecting provisions on property loans. BBL advanced FF£700 million in 1992 to the unit for a capital increase to be made in April.

Output of UK oil set to rise

By Our City Staff

WOOD Mackenzie, the energy analyst, estimate that UK oil production will rise to an average of 1.98 million barrels per day (bpd) in 1993, from 1.90 million bpd last year. Of this, 1.90 million bpd will come from offshore fields, against 1.82 million bpd in 1992, the firm says.

Production will average 1.83 million bpd in this quarter, 1.68 million in the second, 1.94 million in the third and 2.17 million in the fourth. Output will be boosted by the opening of 13 new fields, containing reserves of 1.4 billion barrels of oil and 6,000 billion cubic feet of gas.

The new fields will pump an average of 350,000 bpd of oil by the end of the year but will not reach peak production until 1994 or 1995, Wood Mackenzie estimates. Three North Sea fields will shut this year - Amoco's North West Hutton, Amerada Hess's Angus and British Petroleum's Donan, though the latter will reopen in 1994.

A three-week shutdown of the Forties pipeline system, starting next month, will cut output by 420,000 bpd, Wood Mackenzie says. Work on the Flotta pipeline will curtail the normal flow of about 165,000 bpd for two weeks in May.

Advertising is mixed at Adscene

By Martin Flanagan

ADSCENE, which publishes newspapers in Kent, Lincolnshire and London, has reported a mixed picture on advertising revenue in its first half.

Harry Lambert, chairman, said that while Lincolnshire and London had shown a continuing decline in revenue, although at a slower pace, Kent had seen an increase. This was due more to rationalisation at the Kent papers beginning to bite, allied to a more efficient sales operation, than any geographical differences in the impact of the UK recession.

In the six months to November 28, Adscene saw taxable profits rise more than 30 per cent to £946,000, compared with £720,000. Earnings per share are up 51 per cent to 4.54p against 3.01p, and the interim dividend jumps 20 per cent to 1.8p (1.5p). Bank borrowings continue to fall and net interest payable fell 58 per cent to £127,000.

The group says the third quarter is its weakest, and "it will not be until the pre-Easter period when we will know whether the now widely reported improvement in activity in the retail, motor and property sectors will translate into increased advertising in our local newspapers".

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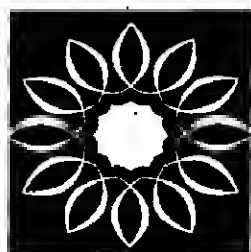
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TOTAL ASSETS (GROSS)	73,837	(643)
	92,656	(806)
TOTAL ASSETS (NET)	9,218,979	(80,221)
	9,717,131	(84,556)
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	3,055,460	(26,588)
	3,398,577	(29,573)
TOTAL LOANS (GROSS)	6,259,104 million Ptas	
	(US\$ 54,465 million)	
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	6 million	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	546,520 million Ptas	
	(US\$ 4,756 million)	
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Bundesbank "not to blame". Helmut Schlesinger

Bonn joins call for Bundesbank to lower rates

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH
IN FRANKFURT

THE Bundesbank, whose council meets tomorrow, is under public pressure from Bonn to signal lower interest rates, thereby relieving persistent tensions in the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

Fearful that the Bundesbank is prepared to resist all calls for an easing from outside Germany, most recently the fruitless appeal from Ireland, the German government has joined critics of the Bundesbank in a highly visible way.

Although most of the big financial institutions in Germany do not expect the Bundesbank to budget tomorrow, one school of thought believes there is still an even chance the central bank will change monetary policy. The early easing view is based on the fact that west German

inflation, up to an annual 4.4 per cent last month, though too high for Bundesbank comfort, is exaggerated by the 1 per cent increase in Vat at the beginning of the year.

Market analysts are also looking for improved money supply figures in the coming months. The detailed report that Theo Waigel, the finance minister, gave to the Bundesbank council a fortnight ago on progress towards a "solidarity pact" to achieve fiscal consolidation and slow pay growth, is also understood to have gone down well.

Alarmed by the deepening recession in Germany, the government has an obvious interest in making a domestic case for lower interest rates, even if the benefit to the German economy might be more psychological than real, given the country's practice of borrowing on long-term rates, which have been

kept relatively low. Industrial production figures out yesterday showed output in west Germany down 1.8 per cent — a 3.7 per cent decline against the same month in 1991. The car industry, which has been protesting about its severe problems, fell sharply in December. The data underlined the recessionary scenario that has gripped Germany since last summer.

Horst Köhler, state secretary at the finance ministry, delivered Bonn's message in this week's *Der Spiegel*, which tends to set Germany's news agenda. He stressed the earnestness with which Germany's partners are treating the issue of rising unemployment and said German interest rates were "a problem for many".

The monetary dilemma for Germany, he said, was that inflation, money supply and pay data were

inconsistent with the Bundesbank's goal of price stability. "On the other hand, nobody at the moment can wholly rule out a self-reinforcing recession," he said. But he said there was nothing in the Bundesbank legislation about price stability having to be achieved at the cost of massive recession.

Herr Köhler made clear the international case for the Bundesbank to lower its guard was in no doubt. The wider monetary and fiscal responsibility a unified Germany had as Europe's biggest economy was "a reality that the Bundesbank could not step away from".

Amid renewed German denials of responsibility for the punt's devaluation, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, yesterday called for the establishment of the proposed European central bank in Frankfurt (Michael Binyon writes from Bonn).

Herr Kohl said citing the bank in Frankfurt, seat of the Bundesbank, was vital to help overcome German reluctance to accept the European currency unit in place of the mark.

Although commentators have asked why the Bundesbank did not support the punt as vigorously as the franc, senior German politicians have vigorously denied that Germany was to blame for the Irish currency's collapse. Herr Waigel rebutted Irish accusations that the Bundesbank left them in the lurch. He said the problems were not due to the bank's interest rate policy but to the lowering of British base rates.

Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, also rejected the charges, and said the European monetary system was a success, despite recent turbulence. The system could work if the rules were observed, he said.

Oftel backtracks on 2% price-cut ruling for BT

By PATRICIA TEHAN

BT will trim its prices by an average of less than 1 per cent by the summer. The cuts worth £75 million to its 26 million customers, are likely to be made in the form of volume discounts instead of direct reductions in its average basket of prices.

BT has persuaded its regulator, Oftel, to draw back from its pronouncement in December that the company would have to cut prices by 2 per cent by July to comply with regulatory requirements.

BT has always said it would comply with the regulator's requirement that it cut prices this year by inflation minus 6.25 percentage points. Since inflation stood at 3.9 per cent at the end of June 1992, when the pricing year began, BT in theory would have had to lop

■ BT claims directory enquiries charges have failed to compensate for a 6 per cent reduction in charges for local, national and international calls made in 1991

an average of 2 per cent off its prices.

In December, when BT unveiled a series of price changes — including a freeze on call charges, an extension of its volume discount scheme and optional pricing packages — Oftel responded that a further 2 per cent cut in the basket of prices was needed.

However, the regulator has accepted BT's argument that the company has been unable to compensate for a 6 per cent reduction in charges for local, national and international calls, introduced in April 1991, by charging for its

directory enquiry service. Oftel had agreed to the introduction of directory charges as part of BT's attempts to rebalance its tariffs, on the understanding that the company would use the cash to fund the price reduction.

The basket of prices includes exchange line rental; inland and international direct-dialled and operator calls; basic LinkLine charges, for services such as freephone numbers; charges for directory enquiries; and the discounted pricing package first made available to customers in September 1991. Under the

present pricing regime, BT is permitted to include volume discounts in its basket of charges.

However, from the summer — when the new pricing structure, which requires BT to cut charges by inflation minus 7.5 percentage points, comes into force — enhancements to these special discount prices will be excluded from the basket.

The two sides will spend the next few weeks working out the exact percentage cut in tariffs needed from BT this year.

BT is keen to extend its volume discount scheme. In December Michael Hepher, the company's group managing director, said there would be more special pricing packages this year, aimed at encouraging customers to make more telephone calls.



Travelled to the top: Martin Broughton, the new BAT chief executive

BAT announces split roles for chairman and chief executive

By GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

BAT, the tobacco and financial services group, is to split the roles of chairman and chief executive by appointing Martin Broughton, 45, as chief executive and deputy chairman from April 1.

Sir Patrick Sheehy, 62, will remain as chairman, albeit part-time. He will also take a cut from the £638,000 pay reported in the last set of accounts. He will lose £58,000 of bonuses and take a cut in basic pay although the BAT remuneration committee is yet to recommend by how much. His earnings after October 1, when his present contract runs out, will be non-pensionable.

He said yesterday: "Dividing the roles of chairman and

chief executive is very much a new and untried development in the 90-year history of BAT Industries. The board will review its appropriateness in two or three years' time when I intend to retire."

Originally Sir Patrick was expected to retire in September 1990 when he reached 60, the normal retirement age at BAT. But at the May 1990 annual meeting, after conclusion of the demerger and disposal of the demerger, shareholders were told Sir Patrick would stay on until September 1993.

BAT said yesterday that the nominating committee of non-executive directors had

asked Sir Patrick to stay on. But the so-called chairman's committee at BAT, responsible for day-to-day issues, will be re-named the chief executive's committee.

Mr Broughton started at BAT in 1971 as a travelling auditor in South Africa, Argentina, Bangladesh and Hong Kong, then became finance director of the Brazilian operation. He became finance director of Eagle Star in 1985 and joined the BAT board in 1988. He is now managing director of financial services and chairman of Eagle Star. He currently earns £325,000 but is expected to receive a rise.

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Reed seeks exit from BSKyB

By OUR CITY EDITOR

REED International said it was in "active discussions" with Pearson, Chateaux and Granada, the three other principal shareholders in BSKyB, about the possible sale to them of its indirect 3.66 per cent interest in BSKyB.

The negotiations, Reed said, had arisen in connection with arrangements for refinancing the £450 million guaranteed loan facility which certain shareholders of BSKyB Holdings have been supporting since 1990.

Reed said that if agreement was reached, it would sell its interests to Pearson, Chateaux and Granada, which would also assume responsibility for its guarantees.

Peter Davis, chairman of Reed International, said that in May 1991, the company had decided not to join its partners in putting more funds into BSKyB. "We agreed at that stage that while we would no longer take any active part in the management of the venture, we would continue to provide financial support via our guarantees. The merger with Elsevier confirmed this view of our strategic priorities."

Granada and Pearson have called extraordinary meetings for February 18 to approve continuing BSKyB borrowing guarantees and any further liabilities arising from a deal with Reed.

News International holds 50 per cent of BSKyB.

Hoover 'poaching' denied

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of the AEEU engineering union denied "poaching" jobs from France as the international dispute over Hoover's decision to relocate from Dijon to Glasgow forced John Major to defend Britain's stance in the Commons.

Jimmy Airlie, a member of the union executive, rebutted French newspaper reports that the union had undercut Hoover with a special deal. "We have done nothing to be ashamed of," he said.

Mr Airlie said Hoover workers at Cambsburg had accepted a pay freeze and the introduction of flexible working to encourage the company to concentrate manufacture of vacuum cleaners for the whole of Europe on the site. Such deals were commonplace in British industry, he said. French ministers have accused

Britain of "social dumping", using weak labour laws to lure Hoover to relocate in a move that will cost the jobs of 700 French workers.

The prime minister, in a rare show of support for British unions, quoted Mr Airlie's enthusiasm for the deal. Industry, he said, "will locate where it can be most efficient and most competitive". He linked Britain's success in attracting investment to its rejection of the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty on European union.

Union leaders are furious that Britain's decision to opt out of the chapter is turning them into the scapegoats of the European trade union movement. Mr Airlie and John Weakley, a fellow AEEU executive member, expect to be given a rough ride by French trade unionists at a meeting in

Brussels tomorrow of the International Metalworkers' Federation.

Bill Jordan, president of the AEEU, dismissed the debate over the social chapter as a red herring. "It is something that politicians are using for party political purposes in Britain and France," he said.

Mr Airlie insisted that existing Hoover workers at Cambsburg would be better off as a result of the deal. Under outline terms, revealed yesterday, the standard working week will be 37 hours and ten minutes.

One-off payments of up to £2,200 will compensate workers as the company phases out shift working. Departmental demarcation will be abolished and the union has agreed not to call strikes unless the dispute procedure has been exhausted.

Guinness fee 'agreed verbally'

By JON ASHWORTH

AN AGREEMENT to pay £5.2 million to Thomas Ward for his work during the bid for Distillers was never put down in writing, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday. The agreement between Mr Ward and Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, was struck verbally, the court heard.

There was no documentary evidence to support it because "that's not the way we do business", Mr Ward said. Mr Ward, 53, denies stealing £5.2

million from Guinness. Giving evidence for the second day, he was asked by Victor Temple, for the Crown, whether he had not been obliged, as a director of Guinness, to disclose his success fee.

Mr Ward said it was his understanding that the fee would be disclosed in the company accounts.

Mr Temple asked: "Did it not occur to you that this agreement should be made known to other members of

the board?" Mr Ward replied: "No, it never crossed my mind."

The court heard of a meeting with William Dwyer, an American lawyer, in March 1986, during which the success fee was mentioned. Mr Temple asked why Mr Ward had not referred to the meeting when previously questioned about the absence of a written agreement. Mr Ward said he had not thought it necessary.

The trial continues today.

Chambers urge export boost

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, should aim to encourage exports and investment as the route to sustainable economic growth and new jobs in his Budget, says the British Chambers of Commerce in its Budget submission.

But the chambers gave warning that if the Chancellor failed to deliver a Budget that provided the stable environment business needs, the tentative improvements in exports and confidence could be reversed.

In a letter to the Chancellor, the chambers group says signs of recovery across the economy "remain fragile" and the indications of improvement "should not mask the continuing deep problems faced by industry at home".

Christopher Stewart-Smith, chambers president, says "a domestic consumer-led recovery will not be sustainable so long as there continue to be fears for employment and a background of falling domes-



tic property values. The immediate priorities must be to encourage exports and investment as the route to sustainable growth and new opportunities for employment.

At their meeting with Mr Lamont, due soon, the chambers will argue for the need for stability, a reduction of taxation compliance costs and the simplification of taxation systems.

They will urge the Chancellor to merge the PAYE and NIC systems, to return Vat to the idea of a "simple tax" that business collects on behalf of

the Exchequer, to give further consideration to the complete abolition of inheritance tax, and to cut corporation tax to the same level as basic rate income tax.

Restrictions on advanced corporation tax should be removed, they say, and the thresholds on capital gains tax reviewed.

□ In the Budget, the Chancellor should neither index, nor increase, the duty on spirits if the collapse of Scotch whisky sales in the UK is to be halted, the Scotch Whisky Association argues in its Budget submission.

The association says the rate of decline in Scotch whisky sales has accelerated over the past three years, with sales falling by 12 million bottles in the present year.

It claims that unfair tax treatment of Scotch — a single spirit measure attracts duty of 23p, almost twice the tax of 12p applied to a standard glass of wine with the same alcohol content — is undermining its ability to compete in the drinks market on fair terms.

Liddell seeks Scottish links with US

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

HELEN Liddell, the former general-secretary of the Labour party in Scotland, is to be chief executive of the Business Venture Programme, an initiative sponsored by Scottish Enterprise and Glasgow Development Agency.

The aim of the programme is to link Scottish executives to run their own businesses with small companies in America that are looking for a European market for

their products. Mrs Liddell, who was until recently corporate affairs director of the *Scottish Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*, said: "We have access to the products and to companies in the States anxious to enter into partnerships, joint ventures, whatever. What we need are the teams."

"We can link together like-minded people of proven ability who want to run their own

business and give them a chance of a lifetime. For 20 years there has been a collective moan about the dearth of entrepreneurs in Scotland. This initiative will turn that around."

The Business Venture Programme already has a bank of 140 products developed by medium-sized American companies that are looking for access to the European market.



Liddell heading venture

IMI halts buy

IMI, the Midlands industrial engineering group, has pulled out of the acquisition of the industrial valves arm of Sulzer Thermotec of Switzerland. IMI said that during due diligence "certain facts emerged which meant IMI and Sulzer were unable to reach agreement on terms and the proposed acquisition will not now take place".

Mellow sold

Southern Radio Group has sold Mellow 1557, its subsidiary station that holds the AM licence in Tendring, Essex, to a consortium led by David Cooks, a former managing director of Suffolk Group Radio.

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Clinton factor hits drug firms

SHARES of leading British pharmaceutical companies fell sharply as American investors sold heavily amid growing concern about the impact of President Clinton's policies on drug sales.

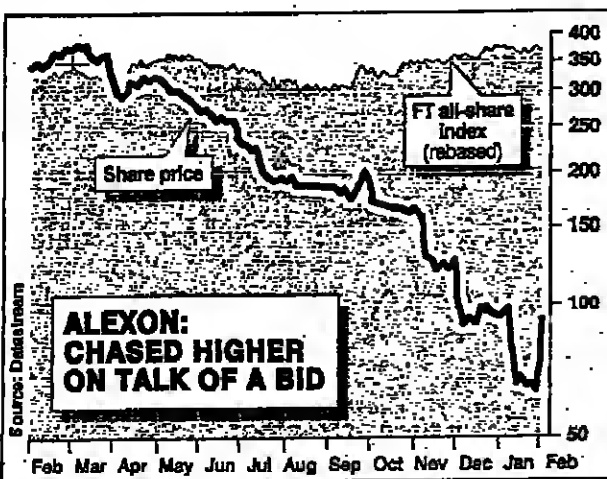
In the past few weeks, he has promised to stop drug companies overcharging and is now proposing to investigate the internal workings of

Nikko, reckons British investors should exploit this opportunity to top up their holdings. Only a few managed to make headway, adding 5p to 224p, on revived talk of a bid. In fact, this latest flurry of institutional support stemmed from a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. It is forecasting a recovery in sales and a reduction in the cost of restructuring. The pound's devaluation should also provide a boost, but there is still no sign of any economic revival in either Japan or the US.

Medeva, the fast growing pharmaceutical group, slipped 2p to 219p after paying £1.6 million for Institut de Recherche Corbiere, the French drugs company. The deal is another step towards expanding its European interests.

The enthusiasm that carried the equity market to within 10 points of its all-time high on Monday boiled over. Talk of another imminent cut in bank base rates appears to have been put on the back burner,

the American medical system. But brokers in London claim this latest setback is also the result of the pound's renewed weakness. That seemed to be the case yesterday with Glaxo falling 23p to 655p. Smith-Kline Beecham A 15p to 482p and Wellcome 23p to 853p. The Americans may be selling, but Andrew Porter, at



for the time being, in spite of further weakness by the pound against both the mark and dollar.

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its low for the day, 172 points lower at 2,534.4, in the wake of an earlier rebound on Wall Street in resumed trading. But an increase in two-way trading lifted turnover to 854 million shares. Among leaders, Grand Metropolitan eased 6p to 435p, in spite of news that Standard &

Poor's, the rating agency, had increased its rating for long-term debt from A to A-plus.

Rank Organisation suffered an early markdown but recovered to close off the bottom with a fall of 2p to 70p. Dealers say that a new interpretation of the accountancy rules was responsible for the initial nervousness. Some brokers are suggesting that if these new rules are adopted, Rank will only be able to take account on its balance sheet of

dividend payments from Rank Xerox and not profit contributions.

BAT Industries remained a volatile market, with the price slipping 5p to 973p, as Sir Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, announced he was relinquishing the role of chief executive. Rothmans International B also lost ground, 11p to 615p. Alexon, the troubled fashion

British Gas fell 7 1/2p to 284p as a large fire of stock went through the market. Warburg Securities is thought to have placed 6 million shares at about the 286p level. By the close of business, 14 million shares had changed hands.

retailer, surged 14p to 88p in response to claims that rival Next is about to launch a £100 million bid for the company. Next has the financial muscle to make such a move and, according to analysts, is in need of making a substantial acquisition to boost its recovery programme. Alexon has struggled since its demerger from Clarendon and its share price has fallen from about 250p during the past year. It recently gave a profits warning and cancelled the dividend.

Next, down 3p to 140 1/2p, commented: "It's just not going to happen. It's not even under consideration."

The water companies attracted selective support as investors compared their ratings with the likely return on money left on deposit. There were gains for Anglian, 5p to 470p, Northumbrian, 5p to 553p, Southern, 7p to 462p, South West, 3p to 489p, Thames, 4p to 480p, Welsh, 10p to 516p, Wessex, 6p to 559p, and the mid-paid 6p to 82p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Blue chips shrug off economic indicators

New York — Shares remained slightly lower in mid-morning trading with investors taking profits rather than buying on news of better than expected economic data.

Shares largely shrugged off a better than expected 1.9 per cent rise in December leading indicators and a 6.3 per cent rise in new single-family home sales for December.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.64 points at 3,323.54 in mid-morning trading.

□ Tokyo — Shares ended modestly firmer after retreating from earlier highs, in slow-moving trade. The Nikkei average closed up 52.67 points, or 0.31 per cent, at 17,186.31, with an estimated 240 million shares traded.

□ Hong Kong — Share prices closed lower in quiet trading with buying interest thinned by a lingering dispute between China and Britain over Hong Kong's political reform plan, brokers said. The Hang Seng index fell 35.25 points to close at 5,662.53.

□ Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index closed at a high for the third consecutive trading day, dealers said. The index ended at 1,645.68, up 1.24 points.

□ Sydney — Shares shrugged off strong gains overseas and improved balance of payments figures to close barely up on the day. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.1 points higher at 1,530.2.

□ Frankfurt — Shares ended a session of narrow price swings mostly a fraction easier as some profit-taking set in after Monday's rally. The Dax index ended at 1,583.09, down 0.1 per cent or 2.07 points.

(Reuters)

WALL STREET

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AMEC Asia	18 1/2	18 1/2	Envision Asia	25 1/2	25 1/2
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Asia	25.00	25.00	1.20	0.35
Europe	25.00	25.00	1.20	0.35
Latin America	25.00	25.00	1.20	0.35
Other	25.00	25.00	1.20	0.35
Weighted Average	74.96	74.94	0.41	0.33

UNITED MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
120, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000				
Asia	20.50	20.50	1.20	0.35
Europe	18.75	18.75	1.20	0.35
Latin America	21.25	21.25	1.20	0.35
Other	21.25	21.25	1.20	0.35
Weighted Average	61.97	61.95	0.12	0.27

TRUSTS PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000				
Asia	24.35	24.06	0.80	0.25
Europe	24.35	24.06	0.80	0.25
Latin America	20.94	21.37	0.14	0.10
Other	24.32	24.06	0.15	0.10

DOCHIE REMITANCE LTD				
100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000				
Asia	85.85	91.51	0.12	0.01
Europe	40.00	42.22	0.14	0.01
Latin America	42.07	42.06	0.27	0.01
Other	42.07	42.06	0.27	0.01
Weighted Average	57.16	60.94	0.07	0.01

WHITNEY LANEY TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000				
Asia	27.07	27.07	0.07	0.01
Europe	27.07	27.07	0.07	0.01
Latin America	27.07	27.07	0.07	0.01
Other	27.07	27.07	0.07	0.01
Weighted Average	27.07	27.07	0.07	0.01

WHITNEY LANEY TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100,				

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round	0.706-0.714	Denmark	2.225-2.235
mark	8.2545-8.2555	£	5.528-5.533
mark	8.2545-8.2555	¥	16.425-16.375
¥	16.425-16.375	Hong Kong dollar	7.736-7.737
¥	16.425-16.375	Ireland	1.4875-1.475
¥	16.425-16.375	Italy	2.515-2.510
¥	16.425-16.375	Japan	124.63-124.98
¥	16.425-16.375	Malaysia	2.525-2.627
¥	16.425-16.375	Netherlands	1.4355-1.435
¥	16.425-16.375	Norway	6.9275-6.935
¥	16.425-16.375	Portugal	147.25-147.45
¥	16.425-16.375	Singapore	1.6485-1.65
¥	16.425-16.375	Spain	11.11-11.60
¥	16.425-16.375	Sweden	7.38-7.39
¥	16.425-16.375	Switzerland	1.5163-1.5173

Bank Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

MONEY RATES (%)

Bank Clearing Banks	6	Finance Hse %			
Bank Market Lanes	Overnight high	4	Low 4	Week front 6	
Bank (Discount)	2 mth 5% 3 mth 5% 6 mth 5%	Sell: 2 mth 5% 3 mth 5% 6 mth 5%			

Bank Bills (Oct)	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Bank Bills (Oct)	5 1/4%	5 1/4%	5 1/4%	5 1/4%	5 1/4%

Net open 6%, close 4.	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Volatility	6 1/4	n/a	6 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Deposits	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
CDs	10 1/2-10 3/4	n/a	3 1/4-11 1/2	3 1/2-5 1/2	3 1/2-5 1/2
Society CDs	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4

Fixed Rate Sterling Offer Finance. Make-up day: Jan 28, 1993 Agreed rates 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32% Schemes II & III: 8.26% Reference rate 1993 to Jan 28, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.10%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)					
	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Germany	3 1/2-4	3 1/2	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4
France	3 1/2-4	3 1/2	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4
Italy	3 1/2-4	3 1/2	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4
Spain	3 1/2-4	3 1/2	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4
UK	3 1/2-4	3 1/2	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4	3 1/2-4

OLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Barrel & Co)

Open \$329.50-330.30 Close \$329.50-330.30 High \$330.10-330.60
Low \$328.80-329.30 Kryptorwand: \$329.00-331.00 (\$326.50-328.50)
Price: Old \$78.00-81.00 (\$52.00-54.00) New \$78.00-81.00 (\$52.00-54.00)
e: \$358.35 (\$246.55) Silver: \$3.69 (\$2.54) Palladium: \$110.50 (\$76.00)

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Claims required for +39 points

Claimants should ring 0254-9321

125	KBS Schönlager	412	-.17	2	1
126	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
127	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
128	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
129	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
130	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
131	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
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199	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0
200	11 Seaford	41	0	0	0

11	Brewery	19	-	1
120	Br Land	211	-	2	0.5	4.0
108	Baboon	173	-	4	8.1	6.2
44	Burford	26	-	-	0.0	3.0

98	Cap & Regalia	120	...	...	...
75	Cardinal Prop	120	1	...	2.4
103	Chesterfield	222	...	18.5	...
0	City Site Exp	21	...	1.4	...
0	Charlie Nicholas	16	...	0.3	...
8	Clayborn	12	...	...	...
785	Danien	940	1	7	25.0
46	Duane Ezzares	14	...	...	...

30	26	Donora	76	...	5.1	94
263	26	Dwight Elgin	308	+ 5	8.6	94
176	25	Estates Agency	187	...	2.0	2
6	24	Estates Inc	25	...	3.7	...
160	23	Evans Of Leeds	132	- 2	4.1	...
11	21	Five Oaks	144	...	...	...
28	20	Fletcher King	32	...	1.0	4
188	19	Forefront	331	+12	15.0	60
51	18	Grading	102	...	2.3	6
84	17	Gr Portland	143	...	16.0	9
63	16	Grogan	114	...	5.2	...
63	15	Hix Land	107	+ 2	...	...
19	14	Humbro Cityw	42	+ 1	6.0	...
180	13	Hammerson	293	- 8	81.0	4
165	12	"Go-A"	224	- 8	10.0	4
68	11	Beard Inc	138	...	4.0	3

3	62	Lon Merch Sec	83	• 3	1.8	6
2 ₁	14	Lon & Metro	2 ₁	• • •	• • •	• • •
1	106	MEPC	365	• 1	20.0	7

3	McInerney A	64
76	McKay Sees	90	...	4.7	...
30	Markham	34	...	0.5	...
8	Mertvale Mrs	184	...	1.0	7
5	Mertin Ind	5 8
27	Moarfield Exp	23	0
500	Mourview	805	...	13.0	2
24	Mowatt	24

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35	Trefford Park	58	+ 1	2.0	3.0
7	L'Et Land	19
4	Union Square	4
110	Werner	108	...	13.5	7.7

15	Wards	185	...	25.3	5.9
16	Warrford	187	-1	7.2	5.2
1	Watergate	7	4	...	...
2	Watts	40	...	3.7	11.1
17	Wood John De	41	...	...	...

SHOES LEATHER

9	Automotive	12	...	...	...
42	Hardware	90	+3	34	32
265	Lumber	300	...	125	43
68	Pound Gears	90	+1	13	22
18	Strong & Fisher	22	+1	10	50
88	Style	142	...	25	23

TEXTILES

362	Allied Text	453	...	126	38
47	Berkman (A)	65	...	47	10.1
20	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...
138	Br Mohair	144	+1	8.5	79
70	Celestion	117	...	12	1.4

160 Dawson	237	4.0	9.0	3.1
17 Drummond	27	.	1.5	...
17, Dunkeld	26
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190	Mersey Docks	230	-4	6.0	2.7
168	Nail Expenses	304	+4	...	4.1
216	NFC	272	+1	6.5	3.2
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301	SVERN Water	462	+ 7	19.5	5.6
670	5th Staffs	1290	+ 5	40.2	4.4
306	South West	489	+ 3	21.7	5.9
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Not fit to be seen in public

What makes an advertisement offensive enough to be banned, asks Winston Fletcher

If the advertising industry gave one of its many awards to the campaign which has generated more complaints than any other, Benetton would win by a mile. No sooner had the huge image of a newborn baby hit the hoardings than a torrent of complaints flooded into the Advertising Standards Authority: more than 800 within a few days. No other advertising campaign has ever caused such instant, widespread antipathy.

While the response to the Benetton poster was exceptional, the ASA receives a steady stream of objections to advertisements that people dislike — about 2,500 a year. That is about a quarter of the ASA's postbag; the remainder concern advertisements which are inaccurate or untruthful.

Offensive advertisements come in a cornucopia of shapes and styles. Some use sex far too blatantly. For example, a Saatchi campaign for Goodmans in-car stereo equipment — "Britain's second favourite in-car entertainment" — showed, in the ASA's decorous phrase, "a couple in a car in a series of intimate situations". Complainers found it altogether too lubricious. The ASA agreed, and banned it immediately.

Some advertisements depict women, especially skimpily clad women, in ways that almost everyone nowadays finds objectionable. Here the test is relevance. It is not unreasonable to show nudes in shower advertisements: few people, after all, bathe fully clothed. But in no way is it acceptable to decorate a tractor with a buxom belle in a bikini.

Some advertisements offend by being visually shocking. A couple of years ago the ASA banned an RSPCA advertisement which showed a horse hanging from a meat-hook.



Judge for yourself: three rare examples of campaigns that the Advertising Standards Authority decided were too salacious or shocking to continue

The RSPCA was furious. Most charities believe that part of their job is to hudgeon people into facing the distressing, brutal facts of life. The ASA's responses to such shock tactics are, they feel, ludicrously prissy.

Other advertisements about which people complain may be blasphemous, or immoral, or simply — like the Benetton whites, all have different — and sometimes diametrically opposed — views of what is and is not offensive.

Last week the ASA's chairman, Sir Timothy Raison, called a seminar to explore the issues. The delegates were chosen to reflect all possible shades of opinion, and included sociologists, clerics, journalists and representatives of consumer groups, charities and the ethnic minorities, plus a sprinkling of advertising folk. Together they spent a day investigating the question of where the line should be drawn.

It is indeed necessary for the ASA to draw such lines at all? On this there was general, though not quite universal, agreement. Enlightened self-interest undoubtedly restrains the majority of advertisers. But in a business where the name of the game is impact, a minority will always be tempted to go that extra lamentable mile. This is hardly worth arguing about: history has proved it.

In a marketing-based business such as advertising, the seemingly obvious way to answer the question would be to carry out market research, a proposal enthusiastically espoused by several of the delegates. Surely the simplest way to establish what causes "grave or widespread offence" is to ask people what offends them?

Maybe. But discovering what offends people is not that simple, as the ASA has already discovered. In 1982 and 1990 it carried out surveys into the public's acceptance of the ways in which women are depicted in advertisements. The public, it transpired, is confused.

The problem is that while most people agree there is a need for censorship they have

little inclination to censor any individual advertisements. In the 1990 study the advertisement which invoked most hostility — it was headlined "FREE SEX" but turned out to be for a motorcycle firm — was nonetheless acceptable to almost everyone interviewed. Many thought it crude, and in bad taste, but only 6 per cent wanted it banned.

This might be thought to endorse the extreme libertarian view. But the same research revealed that 57 per cent of the public believe that "there should be more censorship of advertising", and about the same number agree in general (though not, apparently, in particular) that "using sex as a means of gaining attention to an advertisement" should be outlawed. It is rather like religion: almost everyone thinks it is a good idea in principle but few want to do much about it in practice.

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To complicate things further, offensive advertisements are of two distinct types. Those which may do harm, by encouraging undesirable attitudes or actions; and those which simply outrage our sensibilities. Neither the Benetton baby nor the RSPCA hanging horse could possibly be accused of encouraging harmful behaviour, nonetheless many people objected to them, and this would doubtless be reflected in any market research.

In contrast, campaigns which denigrate women, or flaunt racism, or encourage immoral behaviour would be unacceptable whatever the findings of market surveys. Repugnant social behaviour cannot be legitimised by research percentages. So market research is unlikely to provide the answer to the ASA's prayers, though it may provide a little pastoral guidance.

In the end the problem lands, fairly and squarely, back in the ASA's lap. As one delegate put it, the authority must use its judgment: there is no substitute.

Tuned into the listeners

Audience research proves that radio is just as popular as television

Last Friday morning Roger Gane ended 20 years of sniping between the BBC and commercial radio, with an eight-page document containing the first radio audience figures to be jointly agreed between the broadcasting organisations.

Some newspapers put the most dramatic news — the success of Classic FM — on the front page the next day, but there is more to the results than that.

"They show that 89 per cent of the adult population tunes into the radio at least once a week, a higher proportion than either the BBC or independent sector measured on their own systems," Mr Gane says. "Second, they show that listeners tune in for an average of 21.1 hours a week, or about as much as people spend watching television."

Together with the launch of national commercial radio (Classic FM last September, and Virgin Radio this April), these figures may encourage the advertising industry to treat radio more seriously.

Adding up all its services — five national, four regional and 37 local — the BBC enjoys a 58 per cent share of all radio listening in Britain; independent radio attracts 38 per cent. This means that 4 per cent is tuned into "either the BBC World Service, or pirates, or local stations outside the listeners' own area — for example, when driving", according to Mr Gane. "It was a higher figure than anticipated."

From now on, Mr Gane will be issuing quarterly radio audience figures, in his capacity as director of a new body called Rajar (Radio Joint Audience Research). Owned jointly by the BBC and the Association of Independent Radio Companies, it receives hefty fees from the stations.

We are asked to point out that Eve Pollard is editor of both the *Sunday Express Magazine* and the *Sunday Express*.

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Station	Audience*	%
Radio 1	15,546	36
Radio 2	10,181	22
Radio 3	2,561	5
Radio 4	8,840	19
Radio 5	3,553	8
BBC network	28,942	62
BBC local/regional	8,459	20
All BBC	32,295	69
Classic FM	4,255	9
All INR	4,255	9
Atlantic 252*	4,251	9
All nat'l commercial	7,871	17
All ILR	20,580	44
All commercial	24,784	53
Other listening	5,957	13
All radio	41,592	89

*Thousands Source: RAJAR/RSJ

(£500,000 from BBC network radio, £100,000 from Classic FM, slightly less than £10,000 from local stations).

The costs may seem high, but the work is extraordinarily labour-intensive. Market researchers visit carefully selected homes across the country (omitting the Channel Islands and Isle of Man). Each individual above the age of four in the household is asked to record his or her listening per 15-minute period on graph paper for a period of seven days. The diaries are then collected and sent to Research Services in Harrow, to be scanned by computer. Over the course of a year, about 120,000 people will be keeping diaries in this way; they receive no fee, only an opportunity to enter competitions with cash prizes.

In return for their large payments, of course, radio stations receive far more information than in the summary made publicly available: breakdowns by age and sex of their audiences, the proportion of ABCs, variations in these at different times of day and night. They are allowed to disclose these more sensitive details, but are not obliged to. Doubtless they will when it suits them.

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Perfection takes some organising

German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, who is in Britain for concerts tonight and Friday, talks to Richard Morrison

Not a lot remains unwritten about the violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter. Hardly surprising, really. She may be only 29, but she has spent 16 years at the top of the pile. So she long ago outgrew the "greatest musical prodigy since the young Menuhin" label (copyright, H. von Karajan). Pass comment on her technical brilliance, her questing intelligence, her command of timbre, the microscopic detail in her interpretations — and you just seem obvious, like a Bateman cartoon of "The Man who Uttered a Truism at the Salzburg Festival".

Her musician-ship? Phenomenal: does without saying. Glamorous? Of course. Never an eyelash disarranged, and those strapless Dior frocks still pose music critics into making improbably butch declarations in print. Which is a bit odd, because Mutter actually reveals far less flesh than can be seen at the local Conservative dinner-dance.

As for her ambition, that has always defied description. Two years ago in London she played seven concertos and seven big chamber pieces in one week. Not just your run-of-the-mill Brahms and Tchaik, either: there was contemporary music, written by composers who had been encouraged by her to devise challenges of dizzying complexity. New music or old, it did not matter. The performances were mesmerising: a real triumph of the will.

So what adjectives are left, once the publicists' favourites are used up? How about "organised"? A modest word, but it is surely the key

to Mutter's intellect and her life. "Yes, I am very organised," she says. She always has been. Her Black Forest childhood was supremely well ordered, mainly by her newspaper proprietor father. First violin lesson at five. First career decision at six ("I went to a recital by David Oistrakh; from that moment on, I knew I would be a violinist"). First nationwide music competition at seven (she won, of course). No point in dawdling with the dunces in a normal school, so teacher came to her: "with a good teacher you can save quite a lot of time." And save time she certainly did. At 13 she was "discovered" by Karajan — and world famous. First recording at 14. First "Deutsches Schallplattenpreis" at 16. And so on. The Mutter mantlepiece groans with trophies won at an age which, in ordinary mortals, would be described

'I'd rather hit wrong notes than go for the safe, boring performance'

as "adolescence". Karajan, that Rottentail of musical organisation, was clearly a huge influence upon the teenage Mutter. Today, the distance is great enough for her to joke about it. "He always arrived two minutes before a concert, so I would arrive two minutes before. He drove a Porsche, so I bought one — except that his was turbo-charged, while mine was ordinary." Still, not a bad toy, considering that she was still too young to drive.

Karajan had the odd personality problem, but he was shrewd enough to let this particular bird fly away. "When I was about 16 or 17, we had a conversation," recalls Mutter. "He told me we would play fewer concerts together, that he



Anne-Sophie Mutter: 29 years old, she has been at the top of her profession for 16 years, having made her first record at 14, after being "discovered" by Karajan

didn't want to have such influence on my playing. I didn't understand at all. But now I see it was very wise and gentle of him. He understood the danger of having a child with him who easily could have become his marionette. He gave me the chance of artistic freedom."

What, though, does "artistic freedom" mean to Mutter? Not sloppiness, that is for sure. Seven years ago, the Royal Academy of Music in London invited her to give some masterclasses. Never in the field of human conflict did so innocuous an invitation produce such bloody results. Mutter was shocked at the students' standards, and rapped out a virtuoso prestissimo of singing comments — on their technique, attitude, mental laziness, brain size. Doubtless it was all well meant — but not, as they say, conducive to good morale.

The problem is that Mutter regards the kind of technical hard-

slog that she herself underwent between the ages of six and ten as essential to good violin-playing ("it's because it is so boring that it has to be done so early"). Now, she says, she does not even need to practise in a purely technical sense. "Not for many years. It's all in the brain. I know where all the problems are. Sometimes, I don't find a solution, but thinking about it helps much more than just repeating the motion over and over."

Of course, "thinking about it" is a phrase that must be put in context. Mutter's is a musical brain in a million. Could she ask, perform any concerto in her large repertoire at an hour's notice? "Within an hour," she repeats with a slightly mocking smile. Then she abruptly snaps her fingers. "Within that I could play you nearly anything."

Yes, she is organised. Four years ago she married Karajan's former lawyer, Detlef Wunderlich: tax

guru to the musical jet-set. She was 25, he was 52. She now has a one-year-old daughter, already believed to be tackling a little early Haydn between rusks. The pregnancy and birth coincided wonderfully well with the "sabbatical" that Mutter had decided, years earlier, to keep free of concerts and recordings. One would expect nothing else.

But some critics regard that very genius for organisation as a handicap. The more wilfully Mutter stamps her personality on a phrase (and some of the colours she produces are unlike anything else in the concert hall today), the more the murmurs grow that she has "prepared" too much, that head is ruling heart and calculation overriding spontaneity. Does she leave anything to impulse?

"Of course," she explains, ever so patiently. "The life one gives to a

composition can only be done in public. For example, the most beautiful pianissimo is the one you get when you make a big audience sit very quietly, holding their breath. You cannot achieve that in your practice room. And I always take big risks. I'd rather hit wrong notes than go for the same, safe, boring performance."

That's easy to say, I reply, because you never actually hit any wrong notes.

"Sure I do. And I choose speeds which are crazy quick, but I enjoy them. I want to drive myself to the edge, if it doesn't hurt the composition."

Even so, those attending Mutter's recitals this week are advised not to hold their breath waiting for the wrong notes. There won't be any. She is an unstoppable force, utterly free from the spectre of self-doubt that grips so many other former child prodigies who have

had the misfortune to grow up.

But what now? She talks expansively of plans to commission more new music ("contemporary music has enlarged my way of playing as nothing else has.") Indeed, she will probably do for the violin's repertoire in the 21st century what Rostropovich has done for the cello's in the 20th. Yet the joys of repeating mainstream repertoire endlessly over the next 40 years must be finite.

"With concertos that is true. But there are still plenty of sonatas to explore. And if that doesn't satisfy, there are string quartets." Making up a foursome with Mutter is perhaps not an experience that musicians of a nervous disposition should contemplate.

● Anne-Sophie Mutter gives recitals of Liszt, Schubert and Beethoven tonight at Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333) and on Friday at the Barbican, London (071-638 8891).

Home and away wins for Canada

John Russell Taylor reports from Toronto and Montreal on a revitalised gallery and a revelatory loan exhibition from France

Relations between the Ontario government and the arts, excellent in principle, have been chequered in practice during the past two or three years. The planned new opera house for Toronto was cancelled just before building was due to start and while negotiations were already under way for the opening productions. That the new, expanded, totally re-worked Art Gallery of Ontario managed to open its doors to the public at the end of January, after seven months (originally planned as three months) of closure is a rare tribute to the determination of its director Glenn Lowry and his curators.

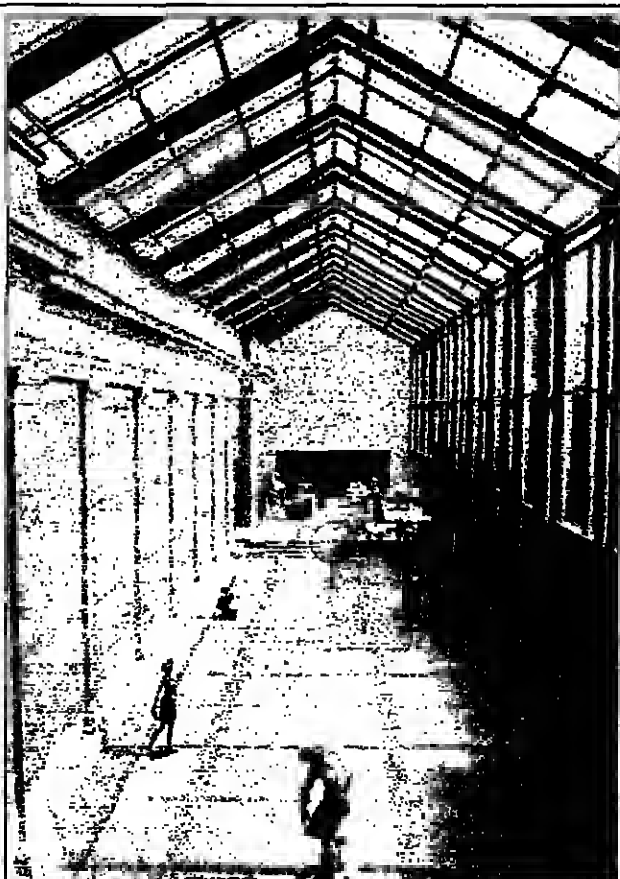
The AGO, funded by an intricate combination of state (operating costs) and the private sector (acquisitions and special projects), used to be a favoured child of the state government. But in 1991, with a new government in power, its grants were summarily cut to the bone. Since then it has been on a knife edge of expectation, unable to

plan ahead because it was kept guessing about its grant level until after the start of each financial year. Even now it has a government "task force" assigned to probe its operations, and is threatened with a phased annual reduction of its grant to force it into heavier reliance on the private sector. Despite all these problems, the new gallery is a triumph. Virtually the only part not significantly changed is the area containing the Henry Moore donation of 101 of his sculptures, 57 drawings and an almost complete set of his prints. The donation was made in 1968, because Moore had been so impressed by the gallery on his first visit. The brutalist concrete block which contains it opened in 1974.

It is clearly part of the policy for showing art in the gallery that no single pattern or type of background be imposed. The temporary exhibition space at the far end of the new front block is deliberately given a sort of Severnades, just converted-loft look which suits perfectly the kinds of installation most likely to be shown there: at present it is occupied by a show of conceptual pieces, by Robin Collyer, which will represent Canada at the Venice Biennale this year.

Elsewhere quite different conventions apply. The older galleries devoted to European art before 1900 have been restored to the original shapes, and painted in sympathetic shades of red and green. One gallery, indeed, inevitably recalls Timothy Clifford's renovation of the Scottish National Gallery, even to colour, and that proves to have been a direct inspiration.

The totally new galleries at the front, designed by Barton Myers, have what one can already recognise as a Nineties flavour, with high white walls curving smoothly into an elegantly arched roof, rather like the Sackler Galleries of the



A sculpture atrium at the Art Gallery of Ontario

Royal Academy on a larger scale. These house the contemporary art collection.

Perhaps the jewel of the whole undertaking is the new presentation of Canadian art, which gathers together at its core the gallery's significant holding of the Seven, the most famous group of Canadian Post-Impressionists. There is also particular emphasis on the mystical abstraction of the late Thirties, the development of the portrait in 20th-century Canada, and the individual genius of David Milne, landscape painter extraordinary, who is quite rightly given a whole room to himself.

One of the problems for the

AGO in its present straitened circumstances is going to be keeping up a reasonable programme of major loan exhibitions. Funds do not seem to be the difficulty for the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Montreal, which at present has on two important loan shows, a revamped (and more coherent) version of the "Pop Art" show seen at the Royal Academy last year, and an enormous show of French 17th-century painting entitled *Le Grand Siècle*. Even though its space has been approximately doubled with the opening a year ago of a new south block, across the road from the old building (with link galleries actually

under the road), large sections of the permanent collection have had to be stored in order to accommodate this show.

"Le Grand Siècle" is an extraordinarily ambitious undertaking: 117 paintings from the era of Poussin and Claude. In the event the warranted great masters are not permitted to dominate. The show, entirely drawn from French public collections, is organised by the directors of museums in Montpellier and Rennes, and places particular emphasis on what was happening in various provincial centres.

This means that Georges de la Tour gets an excellent showing, but more, it seems, as a figure who lived and worked largely outside Paris, than as a great master in his own right. The story the exhibition tells is a fashionably non-centrist, non-elitist one of widely disseminated new ideas.

These took French painting, not just in the immediate vicinity of the court, from the end of Mannerism through a great period of regeneration to a new classicism, a new realism, and the great flowering at the end of the century. Along the way there are many unfamiliar canvases, often retrieved from the stores of provincial museums, cleaned and restored, and even a number of unfamiliar names, such as Charles Errard, whose *Rinaldo Abandoning Armida*, long hanging unregarded in the city hall at Bouxwiller, is one of the show's great discoveries.

There is also a newly fashionable emphasis on the religious art of this period, long obscure because of the immense depredations by iconoclasts during the French Revolution. It will come as a surprise to many to see how much there is.

● The Art Gallery of Ontario (416-977 0414) is at 317 Dundas Street, Toronto. *Le Grand Siècle* is at the Musée des Beaux-Arts (514-285 1600), 1379 rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal, until March 28.

WOMAD, the World of Music Arts and Dance, began the year with six of its eight companies going into liquidation. But now, repeating his guardian angel action of ten years ago when WOMAD's first festival ran up serious debts, WOMAD's founder, Peter Gabriel, has come to the rescue. World in the Park, a subsidiary of Gabriel's Real World group, has taken over the management and production of WOMAD's future festivals.

One lesson learnt from the crisis was the necessity to keep separate the educational aims of the WOMAD foundation and the more commercial activities of festival production. According to artistic director Thomas Brooman, another effect of the liquidation was to generate a "fantastic expression of support" from around the world. One of the tasks of the reborn organisation will be to find a way of translating this support into reality.

Already, international plans have expanded, with 1993's first festival beginning in Australia next month and further events planned in Spain, France, Germany, Finland, Turkey, Japan, Canada, the United States and Colombia. Meanwhile, the familiar UK fixture of Rivermead, Reading, will take place as scheduled from July 14-18.

● THE Scottish Ballet has announced a novel artistic collaboration: Robert Cohan, one of Britain's best-known contemporary choreographers, is creating a new three-act *Midsummer Night's Dream* for the Glasgow company. He is choreographing the ballet to Mendelssohn's incidental music (which Ashton used for his Royal Ballet *Dream*) supplemented by specially-commissioned music by Barrington Pheloung (of *Inspector Morse* fame) which will be woven into the Mendelssohn score.

This is the first time that Cohan, founder artistic director of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, has made a full-length ballet for a classical company. A *Midsummer Night's Dream* opens at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow on March 19.

Gabriel saves World

ARTS BRIEFING

Old Job back?

THE Stuttgart Ballet, which has not been seen in Britain for more than a decade, is returning to this country, thanks to Birmingham Royal Ballet. The German company, who will be BRB's guests during its summer season at the Birmingham Hippodrome, will give two performances (on June 8 and 9) of two works created for Stuttgart by Kenneth MacMillan: *Song of the Earth* and *Requiem*. The highlight of BRB's own Hippodrome season will come

on June 11 with the long-awaited revival of Dame Ninette de Valois's *Job*, which is being brought back to celebrate the choreographer's 95th birthday. Created in 1931 to Vaughan Williams's score, the work is based on the engravings of Blake's *Job*. It was last performed by the company in 1970; in November there will be a special performance of *Job* in Coventry Cathedral.

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Adrian Dannatt on Robert Redford's annual festival, a showcase for independent film-makers



Robert Redford as director: "his commitment to independent film-making and to its cultural, literary and political aspects might surprise those dazzled solely by his smile."

The locals of Park City, Utah, do not normally "do lunch" or "green-light projects". But for the ten days of the Sundance Film Festival, the talk on Main Street is nothing but Hollywood, as this old mining-town ski-resort becomes the centre of the entire American movie industry.

Here, among mountains and blizzards, West Coast money meets East Coast creativity and then tries to buy it out. In the last few years, Sundance has become the most important film festival in America, frequented strictly by industry insiders, hardcore players, who prowl the screenings like executive pimps, looking for the next big thing. Sundance is a town with more network than Dino Zoff, where scripts are openly bartered, deals shuffled like cards and everyone from Italian distributor to Icelandic producer demands to know "what have you seen?"

Hollywood needs talent constantly, and it has slowly come to realise that the place to find fresh flesh is amongst those young directors previously considered too maverick, too artsy for the LA treadmill. Sundance has consistently demonstrated where the new talent can be found, but most important as far as Hollywood is concerned it has highlighted independent films that have then gone on to make genuine money.

The real breakthrough was Steven Soderbergh's *sex lies and videotape*, first discovered at Sundance and subsequently more financially successful than any Beverly Hills mogul dared imagine. With the commercial success of last year's Sundance discoveries, *In the Soup* and *Reservoir Dogs*, it became obvious that the more crass and formulaic Hollywood becomes, the more opportunity there is for imaginative, independent work to find an audience.

Sundance's kids are taking over

The ambiguous relationship between Sundance and Hollywood is well embodied by the founder and ruler of this empire, Mr Robert Redford. Back in 1961, Redford bought his two-acre ranch in Utah, where he built his own home for his wife and children. As his career grew, the ranch expanded with it. Now covering more than 5,000 acres, it includes not only the life of homestead where he still lives, but his own Sundance Institute, dedicated to nurturing new directors and screenwriters.

Like the festival, the institute is devoted solely to those who actually make movies, with most emphasis on the script process. There are film-makers "labs" throughout the year, with a roster of invited students who work at their projects. The Sundance Institute and the festival are separated by a 40-minute drive and a certain attitude, but some films developed at the labs, such as *El Norte* or the ubiquitous *Reservoir Dogs*, go on to success at the festival. Redford's commitment to independent film-making and to its more cultural, literary and even political aspects might surprise those dazzled solely by his celebrated smile. His favourite writer is Chekhov; his good friend Gabriel Garcia Marquez came to lead a workshop for Spanish-speaking screenwriters; and his

proudest achievement is in the encouragement of black, gay and other minority work. At his Sundance press conference, sitting before a roaring fire like a John Denver television special, Redford prominently wore a badge to promote *Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.*, the first commercial feature by an African-American female, a sappy tale of life in the ghetto. Of course, Redford has had his own battles with Hollywood, as he

'Amid the mountains, West Coast money meets East Coast creativity and tries to buy it out'

pointed out, *A River Runs Through It*, his most recent directorial effort (opening in Britain this month), was — despite his position in the industry — an entirely independent project which amazed Hollywood by its commercial success. Redford spoke of independent film as a counter-force to society, and specifically in opposition to the "administrated greed" of the last Republican decade. In terms of greed, though, he was clear about the reasons for the recent huge success of his festival. "Hollywood's a

business. The industry comes here to discover talent they think will be profitable. For the mainstream, success, profit is the only criteria." The criteria of the festival are more problematic. For if Hollywood has only recently become interested in independent film, many young film-makers have been interested in Hollywood far longer. The more Hollywood craves hot new directors, the more directors crave to please, and the distinction between truly independent and industry "calling card" films is thoroughly blurred. Many movies shown this year at Sundance were commercial and eager to ingratiate, independent only in so much as the budgets were minuscule and the directors improbably young.

One theme this year was "twentysomething" directors, who seemed prolific and frighteningly ambitious, sadly not in terms of content or technique, but in signing the right contract as fast as possible. This year's typical success story would be *El Mariachi*, a Texan comedy made by a 24-year-old first-time director, Robert Rodriguez. A competent, mildly droll student effort, its real excitement lay in its budget: just \$7,000. Hollywood, which cannot resist extremes at either end, gasped and simultaneously brandished contracts. Rodriguez signed a deal with

Columbia Pictures for two years.

Curiously, by contrast with theatrical tradition, the short films were particularly popular at the festival, maybe because talent agents only have to sit through 20 minutes or less to see if they are tempted. Christian Taylor, a 23-year-old British director, has already reaped acclaim with his graduate short from New York University, *The Lady in Waiting*, which he is now going to direct as a full-length major feature.

Another film with a distinctly British bent, Mike Newell's *Into the West*, the gala opener, proved the hit of the festival, not least for its television clip of Redford in *Butch Cassidy*. What's more, another British effort, Sally Potter's *Orlando*, received a five-minute standing ovation. None of the studio executives had heard of Potter before, nor of her previous, more experimental work, films that a British Sundance might have showcased.

The difference between British and American movie culture is equally evident in the considerable US box-office success of movies such as *Enchanted April* or *The Crying Game*. What Sundance makes clear is that the potential for independent movie success lies as much in marketing and media "buzz" as in any intrinsic merit to the film.

There is a certain incongruity about Sundance. You think to see Sam Shepard in the post office, Jeff Bridges waiting for a bus. But Sundance works because it demonstrates a sincere belief in the potential of new film-makers, of a potential not necessarily best realised by being hired to direct *The Bodyguard IV*. The question is whether the film-makers themselves share that idealism.

MUSIC IN CARDIFF

Young lovers look and sound right

Welsh National Opera has assembled a fine young cast for its latest revival of *La Bohème* at the New Theatre. Not all the voices are quite "finished", but the eternal students and both pairs of lovers look as if they are barely into their twenties, and that is a good start for an opera about the splendours and miseries of young love.

It was unfortunate in the circumstances that in the course of a well-paced, impulsive reading on Monday John Pryor-Jones and the orchestra should have let rip quite so enthusiastically, as though sinking their teeth into one of Mahler's noisier symphonies; the young artists had to resort to full throttle too often, and at times were left mouthing helplessly like goldfish within a glass bowl of sound.

That was the only blot — and an easily eradicable one — on a fresh, inventive performance blessedly free of routine. The late Góran Järvefeld's nine-year-old production always dealt in creative rather than slavish naturalism, and in Ceri Sherlock's hands the revival is thought-provoking as well as harrowing. Mary Callan Clarke is a traditional Mimi in neither demeanour nor vocal profile. Her forward, open tone tends to brittleness, which suits a production in which the seamstress calls the tunes. She drops her key on purpose on entering the gar-

ret, blows out her candle, and stages a faint that only a truly inexperienced Rodolfo would take as genuine. He has been set up.

Indeed, this *Bohème* is more about Rodolfo than it is about Mimi, and Paul Charles Clarke shoulders the burden manfully. There is a really exciting ring to the top of his voice but comparative weakness in the lower range, which needs work. He is also a communicative actor. His shambling resort to the bottle in the third act and his utter helplessness in the fourth were extremely affecting.

Musetta and Marcello are less complex: Alwyn Mellor was deliciously sexy, and Jason Howard nicely suggested the tender heart behind the bluff, rugged-heavy exterior. Both sang strongly. Karl Morgan Daymond made his company debut as Schaunard; his opening narration suffered most from the orchestra's heedless ebullience and he too needs to work on his lower register, but his debonair, precious, almost camp impersonation was original and well sustained. Stephen Gadd's sonorous Colline completed a convincing quartet.

This is everything a revival ought to be, and well worth catching as it tours far and wide (with cast changes) between now and July.

RODNEY MILNES

Play on words

Ten years ago, before St David's Hall was opened, Cardiff was lucky if it had five classical concerts a year. This year, the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra alone has had as many dates in the hall in one month.

Saturday's gala concert celebrated the tenth anniversary of St David's Hall. To do so, it celebrated an acoustic whose glories are under-sung, as well as an expanded and re-born orchestra (under the baton of Tadaaki Otaka, the band has gone from strength to strength), and, not least, the peculiar genius of Welsh composition.

Alun Hoddinott is not alone among his countrymen in being intoxicated by the word. There are a great many in the symphony he was commissioned to write for this occasion. A *Vision of Eternity* is Hoddinott's Ninth symphony, so some verbal focus is perhaps not inappropriate. But in choosing two hefty collations of Blake to flank an extended section of Shelley's poem "Mont Blanc", he left little space for music to live its own life.

Dame Gwyneth Jones, for whom the symphony was written, ploughed her way

through its long acres of philosophy and philology. In the first movement, she has to deliver the Preface to the Fourth Book of *Jerusalem*, no less, and she did so in a sprawling, stentorian arioso, punctuated by frequent thunder-claps of percussion and brass.

A high, sliding progression of divided string chords appeared and re-appeared, here and throughout the work, as a unifying and gleaming signal of the music's other-worldly vision. It would be some time before we were invited "to see a world in a Grain of Sand", though already Eternity had been glimpsed in less than half-an-hour.

Hoddinott's central Shelley vision at last revealed the voice momentarily unaccompanied, isolated in a sustained skyscape of oscillating two-note figures, icy pitched percussion, descending from the mountain top, a rhythmic wave passing up through the strings and gradually developing into an exultant funeral march gave momentum to the last and most successful panel of Hoddinott's triptych.

HILARY FINCH

Easy listening made difficult

Stephen Pettitt finds more style than substance in a Chamber Symphony by American post-minimalist John Adams

Notes, notes, notes. Lots of them, mostly short ones, mostly formed in repeating, overlapping patterns. Lots of different patterns too, colliding with each other, or sounding simultaneously. And underpinning it all a constant pulse provided by jazz kit. John Adams's new Chamber Symphony is busy, often thrilling stuff. It closes, for instance, with a crowd-pleasing finale, called "Roadrunner", which builds up to a velocity of Mansell-like proportions, ending ebulliently after a violin cadenza gives temporary respite from its mind-blowing impetus.

Yet, as one would by now expect from this composer, the work shows an unusual side of minimalism. Its sound-world owes much to Stravinsky. A passage for violin early in the opening movement, "Mongrel Airs", brings to mind *The Soldiers Tale*, for instance, while later the dry staccato of the trombone and trumpet recall a work like *Ragtime* for Eleven Instruments. Then there is the central movement, bearing the self-explanatory title of "Aria with Walking Bass" and sounding a bit like a Bach chorale prelude before rhythmic disjointedness transports it to a Ligeti-like orbit.

Influences, influences, influences. What, though, does it

add up to? The work, for all its harmonic and textural complexities, falls easily on the ear, requirement number one in anything by Adams. It is written with flair and brilliance, and proved a severe test to the virtuosity even of the London Sinfonietta (they passed with flying colours). But nothing lay within. The proof of that came through the opportunity this concert offered for a direct comparison of Adams's work with George Crumb's *Ancient Voices of Children*. There, Lorca's haunting texts are set to the sparsely, most isolated gestures. No longer do special effects like the singing of soprano (Christine Whitlesey) and boy soprano (Sam Pay) and the amplified mandolin strings, or the use of mandolin and musical saw, seem perverse avant-garde indulgences. Every sound, every effect matters; the music speaks to the soul; it elucidates rather than merely titillates the outer ear.

Adams, who conducted the whole concert himself (and did it well), obviously admires *Ancient Voices*; otherwise he could not have engineered this concentrated, affecting reading. His breadth of mind is such that he also included two other works not entirely in the orbit of his own music. Tod



John Adams: his Chamber Symphony is written with flair and brilliance, but little lies behind its virtuosity

Machover's *A Song of Penance* (1991) and Peter Lieberson's brief, vividly painted *Raising the Gaze* (1988), which again made demands of the violinist. Bradley Creswick.

Machover's ambitious work, which features a solo electric viola (Paul Silverthorne) whose sound is modified using advanced computer

technology, trades heavily in nostalgia, though its pre-recorded and heavily treated spoken and sung text, by Rose Moss, gives it an additional air of artificiality. Naggling resonances of Vaughan Williams's *Flos Campi* seeped through all the hardware and the complex though fluent language; and frankly that is not very much of a compliment.

RADIO REVIEW

Contrasts in how to make contact

The Sunday Play, Peter Tegel's *Return to Krov* (Radio 3) was a portrait of Anton, an elderly Sudeten German who goes back from Britain to Czechoslovakia to look for his father's grave. It was set in 1988, just as communism was beginning to crumble. But what was it about? Had nothing to say about politics, and not much about Anton.

It was billed as "semi-autobiographical", and it seemed as though the author might have made such a trip himself, then pieced together a kaleidoscope of poetic impressions he had received, without really trying to give them dramatic point, or even shape. Hugh Dickson played the part of Anton in that delicate, very sympathetic voice of his, but with a sort of mannered, self-amused detachment that prevented one from getting close to Anton's feelings. However, that was perhaps apt for a play that just glanced at a series of scenes on a journey.

The best part was Anton's arrival in the town square where he knows he lived as a small child, but of which at first he remembers nothing. Then, with mounting excitement, he begins to have strange stirrings of memory under the trees in the square. When he finds his father's grave in the town, he learns that the body will by now have vanished completely in the black, porous soil, and that the

body of a young Czech doctor is buried on top. He feels compassion for the father who has disappeared so completely, and a sense of mission fulfilled. End of play. Good for Anton (or Tegel). But what was not fulfilled was one's initial hope of understanding Czech communism, or the strains of exile, or just one person's heart, a little better.

It was a great contrast to bear Thom Gunn, a British poet who lives in California, reading some of his poems about friends who had died of AIDS (*The Man with Night Sweats*, Radio 3, Monday 10 Thursday).

Many of Gunn's early poems were about the excitement of risk ("I would not have the risk diminished" one of them ended), and these new poems still expressed wonder at his dead friends' daring, "testing themselves against risk" or learning how to "hold an avalanche off". But the poems were full of strong, restrained grief, too: "This optic nerve would never be red," Gunn said of one of his friends, in his clear, anguished voice. He had no simple, would-be helpful reaction to offer — in fact he said in one poem how "undefined" he felt after these deaths. But here an intense experience had really been written down by a writer, with an art that took you deep into it.

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Scientists suspect respiratory virus responsible for Scandinavian tragedy

Orienteering deaths leave Swedes at loss

By JOHN GOODBODY
AND DAVID BARTAL

SWEDEN, the land of lakes and forests, long-distance running and cross-country skiing, has to solve a tragic sporting mystery: why have 15 young orienteers died since 1979, seven of them in the last 3½ years, having lived or trained in the same area?

The Swedish Federation of Orienteering is so worried by the alarming pattern of results of medical tests carried out on 3,000 of the 140,000 competitors that it has withdrawn its ski orienteering team from international meetings this winter. A ban has also been put on intensive training for both foot and ski orienteering until mid-June.

Medical tests were carried out at Uppsala hospital because of the spate of deaths, which involved orienteers who lived or trained in the Dalälven area, north of Stockholm. About 100 runners were given a complete cardiac examination and pathological irregularities were found. Blood tests carried out on 3,000 runners found nearly 50 to have antibodies against microbes of the Taiwan Acute Respiratory Infection (TWAR)

virus, also known as *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.

The virus, which has a long incubation period, seems to inflame the heart muscle under prolonged, intensive exercise. This theory has been reinforced by reports of similar deaths among Swedish military conscripts on field exercises. The Swedish government is so concerned at the outbreak that it has given additional funding to Uppsala hospital to continue its investigation, on which an initial report was published in *The Lancet* last August.

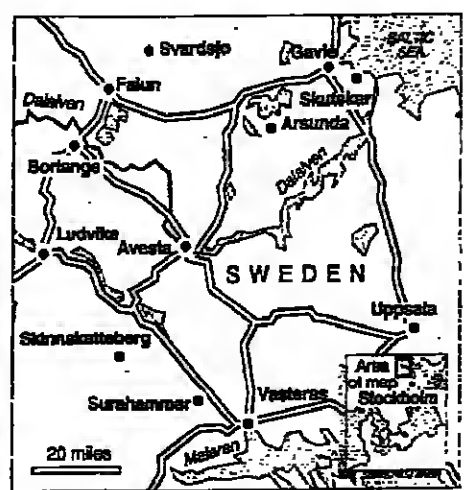
Research will consider why Swedish orienteers have been affected and not other Swedish competitors in equally demanding disciplines such as long-distance running.

The Swedish federation suspended domestic competition when Melker Karlsson, 24, collapsed and died after a training run in November. He trained in the Dalälven region. Mass Larsson, 45, who lived at Skutskar, and Johan Björkman, 26, from Årsunda, also died last year.

Orienteers from Skinnarsberg, Svardsjö, Gävle and Surahammar have died in the last five years, and seven others who trained in the



Mysterious circumstances. Johan Björkman, 26, one of three orienteers from the Dalälven region of Sweden, right, to have died in the past year



Dalälven region have also died since 1979.

TWAR is not unique to Sweden. In Finland, five cases of heart inflammation have been reported by researchers at the University of Helsinki.

The source of the disease is not known. Dr Christer Johansson, senior physician for the national team and federation, said: "We do not know if the disease comes from ticks or perhaps from something else. However, we strongly believe that it contains

infectious person to person."

He was unsure why it affected Swedish orienteers, and not competitors in other sports.

Dr Lesley Kay, a consultant haematologist at the Medical Diagnostic Laboratories in London, said: "This sounds like one of the slow viruses that we are beginning to recognise. It may be something to do with the environment in which the orienteers live and train."

She added that the outbreak was "slightly remi-

niscant" of how legionnaires' disease was discovered. Although bacillus in the air conditioning had been present for years, it became manifest only when a group of susceptible individuals were together.

Dr Ken Kingsbury, who has advised many of Britain's athletics and judo medal winners, and Dr Dan Tunstall-Pedoe, official medical adviser to the London marathon, have both stressed that, even after recovering from a common viral complaint like flu, ath-

letes must check that their pulse rate does not rise higher than normal.

"Competitors who suffer a post-viral or post-bacterial state, when the effects of an infection are still remaining, are likely to have a much higher, and even irregular, pulse-rate when resting and training," Kingsbury said. "It can go up to between 150 and 160 (beats per minute), even with mild exertion, when usually they can cruise along at 140."

Ake Jacobsson, the Swedish federation's chairman, discounted the widespread suspicion that the deaths might have been caused by blood-doping or by taking erythropoietin, because it is respiratory infection.

However, detecting the disease is a problem. Jacobsson added: "It can take two months before you get ill and you may not even feel anything. The tests are not even 100 per cent careful."

The deaths have provoked scientific controversy in Sweden. Speculation about the disease has cost the health authorities thousands of pounds and time taken up by concerned people wanting to be tested.

BOXING

Bowe ropes Dokes into first defence at his Garden party

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

WHILE Lennox Lewis anxiously waits to hear the results of the initial bids to stage the first defence of his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title, and whether he will box in London or Las Vegas, Riddick Bowe, his arch-rival, is looking forward to his homecoming.

Whereas Lewis must face the WBC No. 1, Tony Tucker, in April, the Brooklyn-born World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion makes his first defence, at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, against Michael Dokes, a contender at the bottom of the top ten and former drug addict still in the process of rehabilitation.

Everything in the garden appears to be rosy for Bowe. "I already fulfilled one of my biggest childhood dreams when I rode on a float in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade," he said. "And now, by fighting in front of my family and friends at Madison Square Garden, I'm fulfilling another."

He has signed lucrative contracts with HBO, the leading American cable network, and Fila, a sportswear company. He has even espoused causes in South Africa and Somalia.

Yet Bowe seems a little troubled. Recently, he asked his 81-year-old trainer, Eddie Futch, a significant question: "Papa Smurf, they told me that when I won the title I will feel different. When will I feel different?" Futch replied: "I hope you stay as you are right now." The trainer told an American reporter: "Usually, when I am wrapping his

hands and nobody's around, nobody nearby, he says things to me that are really in here."

Bowe will find no peace while he keeps on avoiding Lewis, who defeated him in two rounds in the Olympic Games in Seoul. "I'm not ducking anyone," Bowe said. But he and Rock Newman, his manager, never stop deriding the British champion.

"Make no mistake," Newman said, "if Lewis wants to fight Riddick Bowe, he must renounce the WBC belt. Riddick will never fight for the WBC belt." Reminding everybody that Bowe threw the belt in a garbage can in London, Newman said: "You know what we call Lennox? Top Cat." Newman had forgotten that Top Cat, even if living out of garbage cans, was the leader of the gang.

But of more immediate concern to Bowe is Futch's health. A week ago, Futch was taken to hospital, for the second time, because of a heart condition. The great man is out again and back at Bowe's side. Newman said he has tried to keep Futch away from the corner on Saturday, but the trainer has refused.

"He has asked the doctors to give him something strong to help him," Newman said. The best medicine for Futch would be a quick ending on Saturday. Bowe has promised to see to that.

Frank Maloney, Lennox Lewis's manager, said in London yesterday that the prospect of a meeting between Lewis and Frank Bruno had moved "a lot closer—possibly at the end of this year or the early part of next."



Making his point: Chris Eubank, above, makes a voluntary defence against Lindell Holmes, 35, at Olympia, London, on February 20. Holmes is a former IBF champion.

Hodkinson maps out defeat for Cepeda

By BRYAN STILES

THE "General" looks ready to go to war, but he does not worry Paul Hodkinson, the World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion, who has already written him off as a casualty in a ten-fight battle plan.

Ricardo Cepeda, dubbed "General" because he struts around the Bronx in New York in battle fatigues and army boots, turned up in uniform for the press conference to publicise their title clash tonight at Olympia, London.

Hodkinson was not impressed. He sees Cepeda, who was born in Puerto Rico, as just another notch on his world title belt. He is aiming for 11 or 12 notches before he surrenders his crown, in an effort to gain the recognition he craves.

Hodkinson is upset that the publicity spotlight has not been turned on him enough since he captured the world title from Marcos Villanara 15 months ago. He has defended it twice.

Cepeda has not put together such an impressive record as Hodkinson, but should prove a lively handful in the early rounds. He said he will be targeting the suspect area around Hodkinson's eyes.

The grotesque swelling which closed the Liverpoolian's eyes when he made his first attempt to defeat Villanara for the title have left a lasting memory.

Barney Eastwood, Hodkinson's manager, is convinced that he has found the answer to the problem. The corner men press ice packs to the boxer's eyes during the intervals and it has worked in his last three contests. If it works tonight, Hodkinson should retain his title.

Sanchez restores family pride

AFTER the recent disastrous series of defeats experienced by his brother Emilio, Javier Sanchez restored family pride by beating Anders Jarryd in straight sets at the Dubai Open tennis tournament yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes).

Jarryd came to Dubai on a wild card having beaten Boris Becker at the Australian Open only to withdraw injured in his second round match against Todd Woodbridge. The luck is not running with the Swede. Yesterday he started well in each set, took early leads only to watch Sanchez climb back to win 7-6, 6-3.

With so little between the two men it took only a couple of ill-timed errors to tip the balance and Jarryd was the one who made them. Jarryd looked increasingly frustrated while Sanchez played safe and hung on to his lead. His next task is to motivate Emilio for their participation in the doubles challenge.

Scottish attempt

HOCKEY: Scotland's attempt to return to the world stage begins today when they play Malaysia in Cairo. Victory in the series of three internationals will secure the Scots a place in the Inter-Continental cup in Poland in August, when places in the World Cup in Australia will be at stake. Scotland, who have been away from the international stage for four years, take one of the top eight teams in the world. The problem position in the Scottish attack looks to have been overcome by the inclusion of John Mills.

England aspirations

RUGBY UNION: Last season England B sustained pressure on the senior side by completing their own grand slam. This season, though now as an A team, their ambition is stoked by a summer tour to North America and vacancies beckoning in the five nations' side. "There will be a lot of England players in New Zealand with the Lions this summer," John Hall, who captains England A against Italy at Bath tonight, said. "The majority of this side could be taken to the USA and Canada. There is a lot to play for."

Manchester chosen

TRIATHLON: Manchester has been chosen to stage the fifth world championships, on August 22, following the unexpected withdrawal by the German Triathlon Union, which was to host the event at Nuremberg. The main race of the championships, which are being supported by the Manchester 2000 Olympic bid committee, features an open-water 1,500 metres swim, a 40-kilometre cycle ride over hilly terrain, passing through Bolton, then a ten-kilometre road race in Manchester city centre.

Moxon dominant

CRICKET: Martyn Moxon (right), the England captain, scored an excellent 123 in almost five hours against the Australian Capital Territory in Canberra yesterday to steer his side to a commanding 326 for five at the close of the first day's play. Moxon shared a 128-run partnership with Jack Russell, who was 60 not out, at a run a minute. Moxon reached his century by hooking a short ball from Ken McLeod for six.



Muggeridge withdraws

BADMINTON: Jo Muggeridge, the top women's seed, has pulled out of the BVC English national championships, which start on Friday in Norwich, for the second year in succession. She has not recovered from a virus contracted at the Korean Open two weeks ago. Fiona Smith, the second seed, becomes favourite to win the women's singles for the seventh time in ten years. Darren Hall attempts to take the men's title for a sixth time, which would beat the record he shares with his cousin and coach, Ray Stevens.

Austin returns

TENNIS: Tracy Austin, the former world No. 1, now 30, has decided to take up her racket one more time. The American will play in the Evert Cup, which starts at Indian Wells, California on February 22. Bjorn Borg, who made his comeback last year, won a set but lost 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 to Jaime Oncins, of Brazil, in the San Francisco ATP tournament.

Cranston called up

Ice hockey: Alex Dampier, the Great Britain coach, has named a squad of 28 players for games against Norway and France before the world championships in Eindhoven next month (Norman de Mesquita writes). Tim Cranston, who has not played domestically since being released by Durham Wasps in November, is a surprise choice.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte Hornets 112, Seattle SuperSonics 100; Chicago Bulls 95, Utah Jazz 82; Milwaukee Bucks 116, Golden State Warriors 102; New Jersey Nets 115, Dallas Mavericks 88; Orlando Magic 118, Sacramento Kings 115. CRICKET PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: Red Sticks 220 and 185, Windward Islands 315 and 90-1. Windward Islands won by 9 wickets. SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates: Sharjah Trophy (one-day), Sri Lanka 180-9 (46 overs), A.P. Gunasingha 90; Wasim Akram 4-24; Pakistan 161-2 (60.2 overs) (Iftikhar Hussain 73, Saad Anwar 55). Pakistan won by 8 wickets. CYCLING COPENHAGEN: Six day race: Leading positions (after fourth night): 1. O. Claes (Bel), 2. A. Dierckx (Bel), 3. J. Verheyden (Bel), 4. R. Smeets (Bel), 5. I. Van der Vliet (Bel), 6. P. Dierckx (Bel), 7. I. Van der Vliet (Bel), 8. A. Dierckx (Bel), 9. J. Verheyden (Bel), 10. R. Smeets (Bel). GRAND PRIX DE LA MARSAILLaise: 1. O. Claes (Bel), 2. A. Dierckx (Bel), 3. J. Verheyden (Bel), 4. R. 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CRICKET

Richardson intent on developing new image

FROM ALAN LEE IN PERTH

IN AN act as symbolic as it was spontaneous, Richie Richardson took the microphone at the WACA ground on Monday and invited "all of Australia" to join his West Indies team as they celebrated another series win.

It was an impracticable gesture but one of deep significance, as was Richardson's later invitation to all the assembled press, Australian and English as well as Caribbean, to come into the dressing-room and mingle with his exultant players.

The outlook of the West Indies team is changing profoundly under the direction of this shrewd 31-year-old, and the game in general will be the winner. Gone, or at least going, is the aggressively private stance, broodingly resenting outsiders. Under Richardson, there is open government.

Australia have omitted Dean Jones from a 13-man party to tour New Zealand later this month. The youngsters, Damien Martyn and Justin Langer, and Steve Waugh, who struggled against West Indies, are preferred. The tour contains three Test matches and five one-day internationals.

PARTY: A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, D C Boon, A Healy, M G Hughes, J L Langer, D R Martyn, T B A May, C J McDermott, P R Reffel, S K Warne, M E Waugh, S R Waugh.

There was once a theory that the inner strength of the West Indians came from their deliberate isolation. In adopting an "us against the world" attitude, they created a powerful motivating force. Sometimes, the passion of their crusade seemed to transcend sport and sometimes, in the latter years of Viv Richards' reign, it developed an unwholesome hostility.

Recent series between West Indies and Australia qualified for x-certificates. First came unashamedly brutal bowling and then, in 1991, a shocking degree of verbal animosity. Richardson played in that last series, indeed he topped the batting averages. But he did not like what he was a part of, and when his time came to lead West Indies in the next series with Australia, he set about doing things differently.

There has been no acrimony between the sides and any instances of dissent have come from Australia. Allan Border and Merv Hughes yesterday being severely reprimanded after a second adverse report in the series.

"I was worried about what happened in 1991," Richardson said yesterday. "I strongly believe that we as cricketers are nothing without the public who support us and that we have a responsibility to be ambassadors for our game. I wanted good relations to be restored, and I think they have been."

Some Australian players have been barely able to believe the transformation, but all agree that the credit belongs to Richardson. Importantly, too, he has quickly commanded the trust and respect of his players, some of whom knew more abrasive ways as of habit.

"We have been like a family on this tour," Richardson explained. "A big, happy family." The truth of his words has been obvious in the laughter which has returned to the West Indies side after years when scowls were more regular.

It has not been an easy succession. Richardson, like Richards, is an Antiguan, and was the great man's protégé. That one of the first acts of his captaincy was to comply with the stripping away of the old guard — Richards included — was seen by some as an act of treachery.

"I am a very inexperienced captain and I have taken a lot of stick, even from our own people in the Caribbean," he said. "So it was very important to me to win this series, and to win it in the right way."

Entrepreneurial enough to be marketing his trademark, wide-brimmed sun hats, earthy enough to play his guitar on the Perth ground during Monday's celebrations, Richardson is a strong but caring soul, deeply religious.

He will doubtless make a great success of his sojourn at Yorkshire this summer and, the way things are going, he will ensure that West Indies remain pre-eminent for years to come — as entertainers as well as winners.

BASKETBALL

Evans denied trial on court

BY JOHN GOODBODY

JODI Evans, the Canadian woman international, is still finding difficulties in her attempts to represent Oxford University men's team in a competitive match.

Although she was selected for the university against Oxford Dons, the town team refused to play against her at the Ilfield Road sports centre last Sunday.

Evans, a Rhodes scholar, said yesterday: "The Oxford Dons said they would walk off the court if I played. I did not think there was going to be a problem and the coach and the rest of our team all wanted me to play. It was a great pity." The university team won 70-66.

She had been hoping to represent the university in the friendly as a preparation for the match against Cambridge in the Varsity Games, sponsored by Andersen Consulting, on February 14. The light blues are allowing her to become the first woman to appear in the annual men's match.

Evans, 24, who is reading

management studies at Magdalen College, has been practising regularly with the team and has represented the second team in friendly games since she went up to Oxford in October.

Last October, Oxford asked the British Universities Sports Federation (BUSF) if Evans, a 5ft 10in point guard for Canada's Olympic squad, could take part in the inter-university tournament. How-

ever, the BUSF decided to continue its policy of not permitting women to participate in men's competitions when there are tournaments in the same sport for women. Otherwise, it argued, women's competitions would be devalued.

The Oxford Dons said that they were afraid that Evans would get hurt. However, she said: "Funnily enough I have never been hurt when playing for men's teams, although I have suffered knocks in women's basketball. It is part of the game."

"In women's international basketball, I have played against women, who are off 10in and 20 stone we are talking huge."

An English Basketball Association spokesman said that if a match was not part of a competitive event in which there were separate competitions for both sexes, the decision should be up to the teams themselves. However, it stressed that for recreational basketball, there was no question of discrimination.

Evans feels frustrated



Imperfect practice: Luc Alphand, of France, a late starter who benefited from an improvement in the weather, posted the fastest training time in men's downhill practice for the world Alpine ski championships in Shizukaishi, Japan, yesterday. Alphand recorded 1min 41.68sec, 0.02sec ahead of Tommy Moe, of the United States, who followed him down. Graham Bell, of Britain, finished eleventh

fastest in the first official training session, with 1min 43.20sec. Alphand, 27, has made the top 20 only twice in downhill competition. Heavy snow flakes fell as the first 15 racers negotiated the 3,552-metre (2.2 mile) Mount Takakura course. Franz Heinzer, the World Cup downhill champion, finished 3.24sec behind Alphand after starting fourteenth. Bill Hudson, of the United States, whose No. 46

was the highest start number among the top ten, was fifth fastest in 1min 42.68sec. Daniel Mahrer, of Switzerland, one of the gold medal favourites, tied for sixth in 1min 42.74sec. Erik Schlopy, an American, was in a serious but stable condition after falling hard on his back, cracking vertebrae, bruising a lung and fracturing his sternum. "There is no danger of paralysis," the United States team doctor said.

Fletcher faced with some painful decisions

SOME discordant vibrations accompany England's cricket party on its way to Vishakhapatnam tomorrow and it is the team manager's job to dispel them, one way or another, in the shortest possible time.

There is more to team management than selection, nets supervision, fielding practice and technical or tactical advice. The team manager has to be leader and director of an assorted group of personalities, with not all of whom he is familiar. Being the pleasant man Keith Fletcher is does not necessarily help.

Having just experienced an uncomfortable reverse in his first Test in his new role, Fletcher comes face to face with one of the inevitable aspects of man management: lack of the right temperament for playing abroad undermining technique and, therefore, impeding the team? The omission of Tufnell, a



DAVID MILLER

At the Calcutta Test

slow bowler who has decisively won Test matches, followed poor form here, so poor that it was apparently not considered worth taking the risk of including him even on a spinner's pitch. Tufnell is said to find India disorientating in various ways. Fletcher, therefore, can act in one of two ways. He can either change Tufnell's attitude, making him more positive — by discussion, persuasion or by having Gooch relentlessly bowl him into form — or send him home and fetch out another bowler who is ready and willing to grab the opportunity of representing England and exploiting spinning

pitchers, though those at Madras and Bombay may now be carefully prepared as unresponsive flat as a bread board. There is no point in Tufnell having a free ride around India. Critical situations demand tough decisions. To be dropped from a tour ought to be no different from a home Test series. The same argument, regarding the psychological approach, applies to Embury. Because many people, inside or outside the corral of the Test and County Cricket Board and the team, openly say that Embury is only here because he is a familiar playing colleague of Gooch, Embury more than ever needs to be above average rather than below, even were the allegation unfair.

In fact, he has been below average. What is more, he apparently made the specific request to be excluded from consideration for the Calcutta match. That would be allowable if he were unwell, which a number of players have been, if, however, he was merely unhappy about his form and the prospect of bowling satisfactorily, then he too should be replaced.

The attitude of any player selected to represent his country abroad should, by definition, be a resolute determination to play in any circumstance. If he is not on form, there should be the determination to force himself into form. Character and attitude of mind are fundamentals of sport, and of cricket no less than any other. If the minds of Tufnell and Embury, key

components of the tour, are not right, then they have no place in the squad and should make way for others.

It is not forgotten, moreover, that Embury twice broke ranks to join rebel tours of South Africa, which some consider plans in question his motivation for his country.

These are hard decisions for Fletcher, but that is the nature of his new responsibility. It is a more demanding and exposed responsibility than managing a county, and he is discovering why. There is no point in England devoting invaluable sponsorship support and their own efforts to prepare technically, if the chemistry is then not right on arrival.

Nobody can be in the slightest doubt that many things were not right with England in Calcutta. Illness was one of them. An absence of fighting spirit among some in the squad ought not to have been.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh go looking for home

LEIGH yesterday failed to buy Hilton Park, and the first division club's survival is likely to involve a move to football neighbours Bolton Wanderers or a ground sharing scheme with Warrington, their rivals, next season (Christopher Irvine writes).

A £300,000 offer by Bill Parkinson, a director and Leigh's main sponsor, was rejected by the club's administrator because of outside interest in development of the site, the club's home since 1946.

According to Parkinson, Keith Bell, a former chairman and Leigh's only secured creditor, wants to recover his investment in the club. "We will be exploring every possibility to keep Leigh alive," Parkinson said.

The Wigan-St Helens Challenge Cup second-round tie is to be screened live by the BBC on February 13.

Michael Peers has left Blackpool after a year as coach of the third-division club.

ATHLETICS

Jones recalled for Stuttgart

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

STEVE JONES, once the world's fastest marathon runner, has been selected to compete for Britain in an international championship for the first time in seven years. Jones, who set a world best at 29 but is now 37, was one of two British men named yesterday for the world championships in Stuttgart in August, with a third to be chosen after the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 18.

The irony is that the venue should be Stuttgart. It was there, in 1986, in Jones' last championship appearance for Britain, that his reputation fell into decline.

Confident after three successive victories, which involved setting a world best of 2hr 08min 05sec in 1984, winning the London marathon in 1985 and running 2hr 07min 13sec later that year, he attacked the European championship in Stuttgart as though the gold medal was a formality.

At halfway he led by two minutes, but was caught soon after 20 miles, fading to finish

twentieth in 2hr 22min 12sec. Except for a victory in the New York marathon in 1988, in 2hr 08min 20sec, he was never the same again.

However, a win in Toronto, in 2hr 10min 06sec, last October, his first run below 2hr 12min for four years, made him the fastest Briton of 1992. The Stuttgart course will be the one used in 1986.

"I have a personal best of 2:22 on it and perhaps I can beat

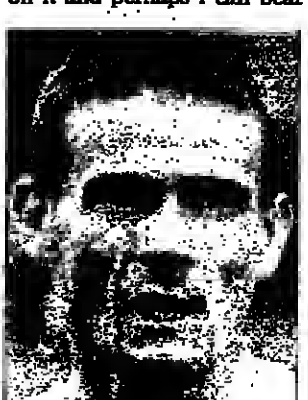
that now," Jones said. "What happened in 1986 has been a bear on my back."

"Maybe I cannot run 2:07 any more, but I think I can run a time which would have got a medal in past world championships. There is no doubt I can run low 2:09s or high 2:08s, which would put me in with a shout."

Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, won the 1984 Olympic marathon at 2hr 07min 12sec at 38. "In any other event, age would be an inhibiting factor but, in the marathon, you mature into it," Jones, still the fourth fastest ever, said. "Everything I have done since Toronto has been geared towards the world championships." And settling a score with the Stuttgart course.

Sally Eastall, of St Edmunds Pacers, and Marion Sutton, of City of Plymouth, have been selected for the women's team. It will be Sutton's first important international.

BRITISH TEAM: Steve Jones, P Evans (one to be added), Warren S Eastall, M Sutton (one to be added).



Jones: score to settle

Boardman record is purged

Chris Boardman's world 5,000 metres record has been removed from the books after the International Cycling Union (UCI) decided to reduce the number of its track records from 88 to 20. However, he retains the 4,000 metres record set on his way to the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year.

The UCI will no longer distinguish between world best times achieved indoor and outdoor, or at sea level and altitude. Last year, amateur and professional records were also merged.

The Frenchman, Didier Rous, won the first race of the European season yesterday when he took the 145-kilometre grand prix de la Marseillaise in Gardanne. The victory marked a triumphant entry for Greg LeMond's new team, Gan.

America's Cup breakthrough

Yachting: Team Dennis Conner and the Pegasus Syndicate, the first all-women's America's Cup group, have been conditionally accepted as defence candidates for the 1995 America's Cup. A third group, headed by the Olympic silver medal winner, Kevin Mahaney, of Maine, submitted its defence plan to the San Diego yacht club yesterday. Six of the nine groups that initially expressed interest in the 1995 regatta failed to meet Monday's deadline for presenting preliminary plans. Among them were Bill Koch's America's syndicate, which defended the cup against Italy last May.

Both Pegasus and Conner were given until March 1 to post a \$150,000 entrance fee and show evidence of a \$2 million line of credit or assets. Conner has basically met the financial requirements because he already has an International America's Cup Class sloop, Stars and Stripes.

Conner, a four-time cup winner, was eliminated by Koch in last year's defender trials. Lynda Corrado, of Sausalito, head of the Pegasus group, said that her group will have a budget of \$17-20 million. No woman has held a position of such importance in an America's Cup match. Dawn Riley was an alternate with America's in the 1992 trials, but did not sail in the finals.

Wasim strikes

Cricket: Pakistan crushed Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the Sharjah Trophy in the United Arab Emirates yesterday, booking their place in the final against the winner of today's match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. Needing 181 to win in 46 overs, Pakistan achieved the target in 40.2 overs for the loss of Rameez Raja for 73 and Saeed Anwar for 55. For Sri Lanka, Asanka Gurusinghe scored 90 off 111 balls. Wasim Akram, the new Pakistan captain, took four wickets for 24.

Paul Allott, the former Lancashire and England seam bowler, has joined Staffordshire.

Wood fights back

Tennis: Clare Wood, of Britain, came from behind in the second set to beat Sabine Hack, of Germany, the No. 1 seed, 6-2, 7-6 in the first round of the Amway Classic in Auckland, New Zealand. Monique Javer lost to Nadine Ercogovic.

Martina Navratilova, playing her first tournament match since November, beat Ai Sugiyama, a qualifier, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in Yokohama, Japan.

Half decided

Rugby union: Neil Matthews, the England B stand-off half, has registered for Bristol next season, but will delay any definite decision to leave Gloucester. "I will make up my mind in three to four months about where I will go next season," he said.



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BBC1

- 6.00 Business Breakfast** (24241) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (8378357)
- 9.05 Kilroy** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8308262) **9.45 Ross King Game show**. The guest is comedian Andrew O'Connor (s) (8755048)
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Polite chit-chat: Victoria Wood, Patricia Hodge (8.30pm)

- 8.30 Victoria Wood: Staying In**. A repeat of Victoria Wood's 1989 series of comedy plays. In this she superbly parodies the etiquette and superficiality of the British cocktail party. With Patricia Hodge, Jim Broadbent, Celia Imrie and Sue Blake. (Celest) (6777)
- 9.00 Nine O'Clock News** with Maryn Lewis. (Celest) Regional news and weather (7241)
- 9.30 Clive James - Fame in the Twentieth Century**. Clive James's series on the nature of fame in the 20th century continues with archive film of those who achieved it in the years 1951 to 1959. (Celest) (s) (718512)
- 10.25 Sportsnight** introduced by Desmond Lynam. Football: highlights from three of tonight's FA Cup matches. A preview of the weekend's two five nations' championship matches - Wales v England and France v Scotland. Sking: news from the world championships in Japan; Boxing: a look forward to the weekend's world heavyweight championship bout between Riddick Bowe and Mike Dokes (612644)
- 11.55 Weather** (161870). Ends at 12.00
- 2.15am-3.15am BBC Select: Accountancy Television**. Scrambled (320751) **4.00-4.50 TV Edit: Deutschland Heute 7**. Scrambled (505078)

BBC2

- 8.00 Breakfast News** (5751690) **8.15 Westminster** (2080932)
- 9.00 Sports on Two**. Educational programmes for young people. **9.15 News** and weather followed by *Top Gear* (s) (8308262) **9.45 Ross King Game show**. The guest is comedian Andrew O'Connor (s) (8755048)
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Ice cold in Moscow: English bride Lynsey Baxter (9.25pm)

- 9.25 The Mushroom Picker**. CHOICE: Trust the BBC drama department to come up with odd subjects. *The Mushroom Picker* is from a novel by a Russian writer Zinoviy Zink. Set in the Brezhnev era, it presents a bitter portrait of the old Soviet Union linked with a hard-edged fable about east-west relations. The enterprise is billed as a black comedy, but on the early evidence is much darker than that. Lynsey Baxter plays Clara, a Moscow Englishwoman who visits Moscow and is swept into a passionate affair with an eccentric food junkie (Nigel Terry). They marry, but poor Clara is kicked out into the snow while hubby provides sexual favours to safeguard his meat supplies. There is a lot about meat, which is clearly symbolic, but little about mushrooms. That may be remedied in future episodes, when the couple up sticks and move to England. (Celest) (877715)
- 10.30 Newsnight** with Jeremy Paxman (72780)
- 11.15 The Late Show**. Arts and music magazine (s) (887796)
- 11.55 Weather** (878540). Ends at 12.05am
- 2.00 NightSchool TV**. MathsPhrases series (22548). Ends at 4.00

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ITV LONDON

- 6.00 GMTV** presented by Michael Wilson and Fiona Armstrong. The guests include Geoff Cocks (8780116)
- 9.25 Runway**. Quiz game presented by Richard Madeley (8345425) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6120406)
- 10.00 The Time... The Place...** Topical discussion programme (842084)
- 10.35 This Morning**. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes legal advice. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (8099979)
- 12.10 Allsorts**. For the very young (s) (8198721)
- 12.30 Lunchtime News**. (Teletext) Weather (1367680) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8099796)
- 1.15 Home and Away**. Australian family drama series. (Teletext) (879511) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (892222)
- 2.15 The Chrystal Rose Show**. Chat show (842031) **2.45 Take the High Road**. Drama series set in the Highlands (8376436)
- 3.10 ITN News headlines** (7400796) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (740067) **3.20 Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (5372048)
- 3.50 Cartoon** (3733574) **3.55 Grotbags**. Adventures of a wicked witch, starring Carol Lee (s) (452518) **4.15 Garfield and Friends**. Cartoon adventures (s) (332223) **4.40 Fun House**. Slapstick game show (8823970)
- 5.10 Home and Away** (s). (Teletext) (8359154)
- 5.40 Early Evening News**. (Teletext) Weather (651628)
- 6.00 London Tonight** presented by Alistair Stewart and Ficta Foster. (Teletext) (52393)
- 7.00 This is Your Life**. Michael Aspel emotionally ambushes another celebrity (s) (6330)
- 7.30 Coronation Street**. (Teletext) (26)



Newly-weds: Paris Jefferson and Simon Williams (8.00pm)

- 8.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor**. The cerebral sleuth is called in to solve the mystery of why Lord St Simon refuses to set foot in his castle and why his servants are fearful that his marriage to an American heiress might fail. Starring Jeremy Brett, Edward Hardwicke, Simon Williams and Paris Jefferson. (Teletext) (5135)
- 10.00 News at Ten**. (Teletext) Weather (34406) **10.30 London Tonight**. (Teletext) and weather (863319)
- 10.40 The Big Fight - Live!** The WBC World featherweight championship bout between Britain's Paul Hildner and Ricardo Castrejon of Costa Rica. The commentators are Ring Outrage and Jim West. Plus highlights of tonight's Coca-Cola cup fifth round replay between Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich Town at Hillsborough (8718999)
- 12.00 Film: Where Does It Hurt?** (1971) starring Peter Sellers and Jo Ann Pflug. Disappointing black comedy, a lot of it in bad taste, about a hospital run by a corrupt doctor and staffed by money-hungry nurses. Directed by Rod Amateau (844282)
- 1.30am Entertainment UK**. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (57636)
- 2.30 The Chrystal Rose Show**. A repeat of the chat show shown at 2.15pm (44984)
- 3.00 The Little Picture Show**. The latest video releases reviewed by Mariella Frostrup (43487)
- 4.00 60 Minutes**. American news magazine (s) (81181)
- 5.00 Rhymer**. French soap following the fabled fortunes of the 5.30 PM Morning News (88931). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

- 6.40 Spiff and Hercules** (5367864) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (37932) **9.00 You Bet Your Life**. American game show (s) (44883)
- 9.30 Schools** (125680)
- 12.00 The Parliament Programme** with Anne Perkins (31319)
- 12.30 Sesame Street**. Early learning series (94067) **1.30 Ltr Off**. Young people's entertainment (s) (74512)
- 2.00 Film: Four Sons** (1940, b/w) starring Don Ameche. Starring up-dated re-make of a 1938 silent drama about a Czech family's different reactions to the invasion of their country by the Nazis. Directed by Archie Mayo (549683)
- 3.40 The Three Stooges in Funin Around** (1949, b/w) (1375393)
- 4.00 Birdscape**. Wildlife artist Bruce Pearson is on Dorset's Canford Heath, an area that was once threatened with a housing development but is now home to a teaming collection of wildlife including snakes, lizards and falcons (s). (Teletext) (57)
- 4.30 Countdown**. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (1825512)
- 5.05 Wednesday Weeple**. Paula Yates introduces another real-life romantic story (1941425)
- 5.15 Film: Those She Left Behind** (1989) starring Gary Cole. A sentimental made-for-television drama about a man widowed when his wife dies in childbirth. He struggles to bring his baby daughter up with the help of his mother-in-law but eventually it proves too much and he decides to put the child up for adoption. Directed by Wans Hussen (s) (9436798)
- 7.00 Channel 4 News**. (Teletext) Weather (341749)
- 7.50 Party Political**. Comment from a Conservative party politician (60899)
- 8.00 Brookside**. (Teletext) (s) (3880)
- 8.30 Travelog**. Robert Ellis looks while Pete McCarthy investigates the reality behind the adverts for cheap flights to far-flung places. (Teletext) (s) (2715)
- 9.00 Dispatches**. CHOICE: Television's most detailed report yet on ethnic cleansing in Bosnia gains authority from being told by the people at the sharp end. Muslims of northern Bosnia, some in exile in Britain, provide a graphic first-hand account of beatings, torture, rape and murder by Serbs determined to enforce racial domination. The perpetrators, are not drunken thugs on a spree but identified as policemen, soldiers, prison guards and local government officials. Villagers talk of girls of 12 and 13 being raped and of a schoolteacher being killed by his former pupils, so slowly that he took ten days to die. A Red Cross man says he has never seen atrocities like it, not even in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. A Serbian mayor can still go before the cameras and deny it all. But this is not so far from evidence that people make up (860135)
- 9.45 Snapshots**. The series in which famous people return to places that are significant to them continues with Enoch Powell paying a visit to Cambridge where his life took on a new meaning in the 1930s when he heard the lectures of A.E. Housman (s) (478864)
- 10.00 The Golden Girls**. Dorothy becomes excited when her favourite television game show holds auditions locally. (Teletext) (s) (32048)
- 10.30 Nightingales**. Off-beat comedy starring Robert Lindsay, David Threlkeld and James Ellis as night security guards (s) (804947)



Politically incorrect: stand-up comic Denis Leary (11.05pm)

- 11.05 No Cure For Cancer**. Stand-up, chain-smoking comedian Denis Leary on stage at the Actors' Playhouse, New York (127609)
- 12.15am The Steve Allen Show** (b/w). With Lou Costello (5143384)
- 12.50 The Best of the Worst**. The last in the series featuring on-camera clips from the worst of television (s) (3773452)
- 1.20 Film: Nayakan** (1987). An award-winning Tamil drama set in the Bombay underworld, starring Kamala Hassan and directed by Mani Ratnam (29310929). Ends at 4.15

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Everton sign Sansom on free transfer as Keown's replacement



Sansom: experience

By IAN ROSS

TWENTY-four hours after selling Martin Keown to Arsenal for £2 million, Everton yesterday replaced the England central defender as economically as possible, signing Kenny Sansom from Coventry City on a free transfer.

Almost as soon as the deal which took Keown, 26, back to his first club was completed, Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, began talks with Coventry about Sansom. The 34-year-old full back, himself a former Arsenal player, had been unable to command a first-team place at Highfield Road in recent weeks.

Sansom, a former England international with 86 caps, is expected to make his debut for the Merseyside club against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Saturday,

allowing Gary Ablett to move into the centre of defence as a replacement for the departed Keown. Ablett made his name as a central defender at Liverpool before joining Everton.

Kendall was quick to insist yesterday that the signing of Sansom was not a gamble. "Kenny played against us at Goodison Park recently and was absolutely superb," he said. "He is a model professional of great experience. His attitude is first-class and I do believe that he still has so much to offer."

"I remember that a few eyebrows were raised back in the Eighties when I signed another so-called veteran, Paul Power, in similar circumstances. He came to this club and did a remarkable job and I will be looking for the same sort of contribution from Kenny."

Prior to joining Coventry from Queens

Park Rangers for a fee of £100,000 in March, 1991, Sansom had also played for Crystal Palace and Newcastle United.

Arsenal are expected to field three central defenders — Tony Adams, David Linighan and David O'Leary — in their FA Cup fourth-round replay against Leeds United at Elland Road tonight in a team depleted by injuries to Steve Bould (thigh), Anders Limpar (calf), Mark Flans (knee) and Neil Heaney (ankle) and suspension, which has ruled out John Jensen. David Hillier, who damaged his thigh in the 1-0 defeat by Liverpool at Highbury at the weekend, is also doubtful. Ian Wright, however, returns to lead the attack after a three-match suspension.

Leeds, who drew the original tie at Highbury 2-2 after leading 2-0, may risk Lee Chapman in attack if he can recover

from an injured groin muscle. Chris Fairclough (ankle) and Gordon Strachan (hamstring) may also miss the tie.

The winners will meet the winners of tonight's replay between Middlesbrough or Nottingham Forest in the fifth round. Stuart Pearce, the Forest and England captain, will miss the game with injury.

Dalian Atkinson will miss Aston Villa's visit to Wimbledon, but Ray Houghton returns after missing the 2-0 defeat at Southampton on Saturday.

Nigel Jemson is standing by for Sheffield Wednesday in their Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final replay against Ipswich Town at Hillsborough. Both Wednesday's first-choice forwards, Mark Bright and David Hirst, are injured.

Barnet yesterday lost their appeal against a £50,000 fine imposed by the Football

League for financial irregularities. After a four-hour meeting at White Hart Lane, Tottenham Hotspur's headquarters, a Football Association board of appeal rejected the third division club's case that the fine, imposed in November after investigations into their finances, was too great.

Barnet were also ordered to pay the costs of the appeal by the board. The Football League yesterday confirmed that it plans to re-inspect Barnet's books in April.

Brighton, of the second division, who face a winding-up order in the High Court next week, have failed in an attempt to solve their financial problems by gaining planning permission to redevelop their Goldstone Ground as a non-food retail unit. The scheme was rejected by two votes by Hove council's planning committee yesterday.

Fletcher warns Middlesex spinners to 'get it right or you might as well go home'

Tufnell and Emburey thrown into firing line

FROM PETER BALL IN CALCUTTA

AS WAS inevitable, India took little more than an hour yesterday morning to win the first Test match by eight wickets. It was only their second victory in 18 Tests under the captaincy of Azharuddin, their previous success being against Sri Lanka in November 1990.

Azharuddin was also man of the match, and the only satisfaction for England yesterday was the performance of Graeme Hick, who claimed both wickets to finish with match figures of five for 28. In a game dominated by the Indian spinners, however, Hick's success is an embarrassment rather than a source of rejoicing for England. It highlighted the absence of John Emburey and Phil Tufnell.

"The batsmen started to get it right in the second innings, so getting our spinners right is our biggest problem," Keith

subsequent loss of health, form and rhythm persuaded him to suggest that he should not play. Tufnell's problems are more insidious. Some suggest that he is struggling to adjust to India itself.

Fletcher showed little sympathy. "On tour you have just got to get out there and make the most of it," he said. "If you don't, you might as well go home."

It has not reached that stage yet, but both Emburey and Tufnell have something to prove against the Rest of India in Vishakhapatnam, the only match before the second Test in Madras. "We need them to bowl 20 to 30 overs in tandem," Fletcher said.

Geoff Arnold, who arrived in time for the first Test for his month as bowling coach, was optimistic yesterday that the pair were coming through their difficulties.

Tufnell's match-winning contributions in three Tests out of ten offered a strong case for his inclusion in Calcutta. As a player of mood, he might have been expected to be inspired by an 80,000 crowd in one of world cricket's most imposing arenas, especially on a turning pitch.

That argument did not carry the day. "He's been playing on turning wickets since he got here and hasn't bowled well," Fletcher said.

Salisbury took one for 88 in 23 overs of leg spin, a sharp contrast to the Indian spinners as well as Hick. That also reflected the difference in the batting. If spin bowling is England's main problem, batting against it is not far behind.

"When you are 40 for four, it is always going to be an uphill struggle," Graham Gooch, the England captain, said. "One or two struggle to cope. We talked about how to bat in the conditions, but you can't bat for players."

Smith coped least well, and his position may be under threat, although any player with a Test average of nearly 50 who is third in the world ratings deserves a chance to sort things out.

Fairbrother, too, may deserve another chance, although he should be



Post-match depression: Gooch after England's defeat by India in Calcutta. Photograph: Graham Morris

India won toss

First Innings 371 (M Azharuddin 182, S R Tendulkar 80)

Second Innings

M Prabhakar b Hick 13 0 0 85 64

N S Sidhu b Hick 37 1 5 102 88

V G Kamal not out 19 0 2 34 28

S R Tendulkar not out 18 0 3 17 19

Extras (fb 4, nb 1) 5

Total (2 wts, 121 min, 29.2 overs) — 82

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61 (Sidhu 34), 2-82 (Kamal 6).

BOWLING: Malcolm 6-1-16-0 (2-1-5-0, 4-0-11-0); Jarvis 5-2-1-23-0 (2-1-1-0, 3-2-0-23-0); Taylor 3-1-8-0 (nb 1) (one spell); Salisbury 6-3-18-0 (1-0-7-0, 5-3-8-0); Lewis 3-1-5-0; Hick 6-1-9-2 (one spell each).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Close 36-0 (Sidhu 20, Prabhakar 12; 12 overs). Fifth day: 50; 79 min, 19 overs, India won at 10.22am.

ENGLAND First Innings 183

Second Innings 286 (M W Gelling 61)

Umpires: P D Rapier and S Venkataraghavan.

Man of the match: M Azharuddin.

India won by eight wickets

MATCHES TO COME: Feb 11-15: second Test (Madras); Feb 19-23: third Test (Bombay).

encouraged to play his natural

game. There may also be a

strong case for relieving Alec

Stewart of his wicketkeeping

responsibilities to enable him

to open, with Atherton return-

ing at No. 3 and Blakey

coming in at No. 6. But that is

likely to be too radical a

departure from the game

plan.

The Indian selectors have

named the same squad for the

second Test and confirmed

Azharuddin as captain for the

rest of the series.

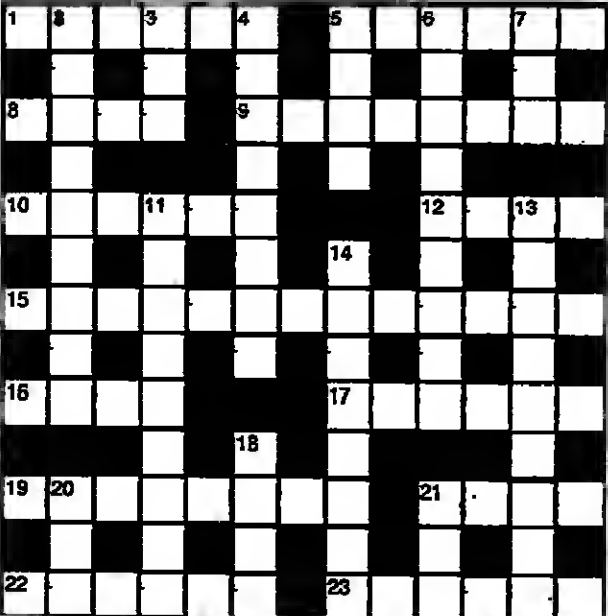
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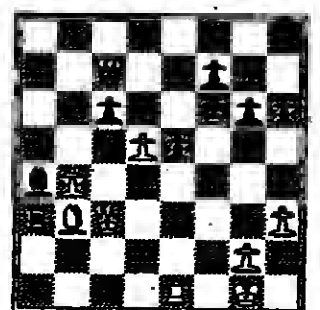
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

World champion Gary Kasparov is here seen on the receiving end against Holland's Jan Timman, a Candidate's finalist. Timman — Kasparov, Holland 1985. White has a good attack, but his bishop is pinned. How should he proceed?



Solution on page 36

WORD-WATCHING

- IDDINGSITE
- A baity evangelical sectarian
 - An orange-brown silicone
 - In the same place
- CONCHER
- A style of women's hat
 - A chocolate liqueur
 - To abstain from warfare

- SLEEPER
- To notch a calf's ear
 - A French slipper
 - A goose-feather duster
- REINGA
- Maori Limbo
 - An Eskimo sledge
 - An Indonesian revenant

Answers on page 36

Richards recalled as replacement for injured Rodber

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WALES will take scant consolation from the news yesterday that England have been forced to change their squad for the five nations' rugby union championship match in Cardiff on Saturday. The withdrawal of Tim Rodber from the replacements serves only to restore England's most capped No. 8, Dean Richards, to the party which assembles in Gloucester today.

Rodber suffered a gash in the leg, which required 24 stitches, during training with Northampton last Thursday. He could not train with England at the weekend and now gives way to Richards who has, in many ways, been here before.

The Leicester No. 8, who won his 34th cap against Canada last October, came off the bench during the game against Scotland last season, when Rodber was injured, and brought stability to a shaky side. Though Richards missed the match against Ireland, he was preferred for the last two internationals and played a valuable role in England's second successive grand slam.

That he is there or thereabouts again will be, with no disrespect to Rodber, a comforting thought for his colleagues and a spur to Ben Clarke, the Bath No. 8, who is now the first choice and who produced a strong performance in the victory by a single point over France last month.

Clarke is one of only three England players — Ian Hunt-

er and Martin Bayfield being the others — who have not experienced an international at the Arms Park, which for 28 years held so many fears for the English. The 1991 team banished that particular bogey on the way to the grand slam but Geoff Cooke, the manager, does not acknowledge any significant psychological advantage for his players, who will start as favourites.

"We may just have an edge," he said. "Wales will play on a tide of national emotion and pride, and the desire to perform well at home. Of all the teams they don't want to lose to, it's England. Against that, we have the confidence of a winning side, we have the winning habit. That gives us an edge, but it's not a lot. The contest is one of physical ability and we want to cut away all the emotion."

Iwan Evans, the Welsh captain, is seeking to make the Arms Park an inhospitable venue for visiting teams again. "We aim to make it a fearsome place," he said, though that should depend upon his team's quality rather than the crowd's. "It's important we reintroduce the Cardiff element to our home games so that opposition sides do not look forward to coming here."

Robert Liley, the Wakefield stand-off half, is to team up with his brother, John, at Leicester next season. Chris Tarbuck, the Saracens flanker, is also joining the Welford Road club.

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